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Sullivan County & School Districts Prepare for Safe Fall Reopening

Monticello, NY - With NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo having given the green light, Sullivan County's school districts are preparing to reopen, and Sullivan County Public Health Services has been providing guidance and input for the past few months through remote meetings, calls and email communication with superintendents and school officials.

"My staff, who have been on the front lines of coronavirus response since March, are working closely with Sullivan County BOCES and our public schools to ensure a safe and coordinated reopening," affirmed Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "We've developed communication, assessment and contact tracing protocols; discussed screening and testing resources; and provided information about the latest information and resources locally, Statewide and Federally."

Public Health has been particularly aided in this effort by BOCES, including a conference call BOCES coordinated with local school superintendents.

"BOCES and its component districts have spent many weeks planning for this important reopening," stated BOCES District Superintendent Robert Dufour, "and our work will not end with the start of the school year. We will continue to partner with the County and State to give our children as safe and complete an education as the circumstances allow."

All 8 districts based in the County - Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West and Tri-Valley - are working on plans to open for the new school year, some in September, others in October, and Public Health Services will assist as needed. (Four districts that serve Sullivan County but are based in neighboring areas -Ellenville, Minisink Valley, Pine Bush and Port Jervis - are under the jurisdiction of their respective health departments, with whom Sullivan County will coordinate.) (Contd. Pg. 4)

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Social Studies Teacher

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) would like to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Jackie Trotti-Noren for recently receiving tenure as a Social Studies teacher at Tri-Valley Central School.

Jackie-who is born and raised in Sullivan County-has been at Tri-Valley for four years now. She has spent all of her four years teaching high school Social Studies. Before coming to Tri-Valley, she taught at Chapel Field, Pine Bush, NY. Additionally, she held several leave replacement positions in a few Sullivan County schools.

Jackie earned a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies from the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz and a Master of Arts in Liberal Sciences SUNY from Stonybrook. She is also currently working on a second Master's degree in American History from Southern New Hampshire University.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job, Jackie-who is also a coach-answered without hesitation: "My



favorite part about teaching and coaching is the connection that I make with my students and their parents. I love watching my students and athletes learn and grow throughout the year." Jackie went on to mention her classroom philosophy by stating, "I believe all students want to learn and I hope to create a space that allows growing minds to flourish. I have an open-door policy, inviting all parents/caregivers/guardians to actively participate in their child's education."(Contd. Pg 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. He won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep. Psalm 121:1-3

OBITUARIES



the Lord on Monday, August 17, 2020. Bob as he was known, left behind his loving wife of years Karen 45 Faraci and three

children Chris (Lisa) Farci of Albany, Adrienne (Adam) Boehm of Florida, and James of Liberty. Bob was predeceased by his son Robert (Jessica) Faraci and grandson Jameson Robert Boehm. Bob had three granddaughters Madison, Mallory, and Vivian Faraci that he absolutely adored. Bob is also survived by his sister Adrienne (Barry) Pulis of Texas along with several nieces and nephews.

Bob was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 30, 1943. He graduated of one truck load in three minutes. from Clarkstown High School. Bob served in the United States Air Force for four years as a Medical Material Specialist. After leaving the Air Force Bob had many jobs but found his true calling as a Corrections Officer at Sullivan. Bob retired from the NYS Department of Corrections after 21 years. Bob was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing and sharing his knowledge with his family and friends. In lieu of traditional flowers, the family asks that live plants be given for a perpetual garden in Robert's memory.

Visitation and funeral service was held on August 22, 2020 at Colonial-Ramsay Funeral home, 275 S. Main Street, Liberty NY. Arrangements under the care of Colonial-Ramsay call 845-292-7160 or http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

DAYS OF YORE.... **Today's History**

August 23.1950

Myers Groo of Big Hollow Road is recovering at Kingston City Hospital from serious back injuries suffered last Tuesday while mowing with a tractor on his farm.

Lester Sheley has re-enlisted for six years in the Engineers Corps. Robert N. "Bob" Faraci, 77 of Corp. Sheley has been in service for Liberty, was called seven years with more than five years home to be with overseas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheley Grahamsville.

Observer Ed Lewis at the Red Hill best tower has reported 19 fires this season. This may be a record, the lowest in many years. The crop of visitors has been very big, however, due, perhaps in part, to curiosity about the search tower nearby.

The dredging of the channel of the creek on the parsonage property at Low's Corners was let to Cooney Bros, last week by the trustees of the church. The channel is to be deepened, widened and straightened. The Cooney Bros, have the sand, gravel and rock. Two days last week the large bulldozer prepared the way, and Monday morning a power shovel moved gravel and rock out at the rate

August 24, 1960

Roger Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards of Neversink. was named the winner in the showmanship contest held Saturday at the Orange County Fair. Roger, a member of the Tri Valley FFA, did an outstanding job of showing his Ayrshire heifer which he got two years ago from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hoops of Slate Hill.

Two four-mile sections of Route 28, deep in the Catskills of Ulster County, are expected to be fully opened to traffic late this year. The section between Big Indian and Shandaken is due to be completed with its access roads early this fall.

Mrs. Roe Johnson was Guest of Funeral Home, for further information Honor at a Stork Shower in the visit Neversink Firehouse on Wednesday evening, August 17th. Cut flowers graced the tables where refreshments were served by the hostesses, Eva Knox, Olive Pomeroy and Marion Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Robinson are holding "Open House" at their home on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 23th from 2 to 5 p.m. in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. DuBois of Sundown.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History - (From Pg. 2)

Thomas H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of South Hill, arrived home on Sunday from his sojourn in Alaska

September 2, 1970

The engagement of Miss Nancy Robin Lawrence to Airman Basic Harry S. Barkley has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lawrence of Divine Corners, Loch Sheldrake. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley, Sr. of Hasbrouck Rd., Woodbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler P. Curry of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Anne, to George Keeler, son of Mrs. Adda Keeler of Youngsville and the late Orville Keeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgins and twin sons, Patrick and Timothy, age 6, have purchased and moved into the former Richter cabin on lower East Mountain Road. Mr. Higgins is a printer and commercial artist by trade. They are winterizing the cabin and expect to make it a permanent home.

August 28, 1980

A Concert for the Burn Center, sponsored by the Town of Neversink Fire Prevention Committee, will be held at Sullivan County Community College on Oct. 5th at 7 p.m. The performers giving the concert will be Miles Ellison, Robert Krom and Dave Krom.

Marguerite H. Fenn, 68, of Riverside Drive, Woodbourne, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1980 at Community General Hospital, Harris .She was born Feb. 15, 1912 in Woodbourne to Frank and Rose Slaver Hartman. She was married to William H. Fenn who survives.

On Sunday, Tami Terwilliger celebrated her 16th birthday with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Terwilliger.

Beverly Lynn Carlsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlsen of Simi Valley, California, formerly of Grahamsville and Washingtonville, and James William Landy of Hicksville, L.I., were united in marriage in a lovely outdoor wedding on the farm of the bride's grandfather, C. Thoryald Carlsen of South Hill, Grahamsville. The couple was married by Justice Joseph Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reichman of South Sterling, Pa. are the proud parents of a baby boy, Eric Raymond, born August 21, 1980. Grandmother of Eric is the former Hazel George, Mrs. Hazel Akers of Greentown, Pa. and the great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George of Sundown.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

What are those Tall Plants with Yellow Flowers?

While driving around the Catskill countryside have you seen see any of the tall Mullein plants that are now flowering?

Mullein (Verbascum) is an herbaceous plant of the figwort family, a/k/a Grandmother's Flannel. It is known for its soft large, pale green spear-shaped leaves that are covered with a yellowish-white velvety matting. This thick covering of hairs on the leaves and stem acts as a protective coat to reduce moisture loss and prevent attacks by creeping insects. The hairs also cause an intense irritation in the mucous membrane of any grazing animals that may attempt to nibble on them.

The hairs are not confined to the leaves alone, but are also on every part of the stem, on the calyces and on the outside of the corollas, so that the whole plant appears whitish or grey.

Towards the top of the stalk, which can grow 4 or even 5 feet high, the much-diminished woolly leaves merge into the thick, densely crowded flower-spike, that is usually a foot long. The flowers open here and there on the spike and not in regular progression



from the base. The yellow sessile flowers with orange stamens bloom from June to September. The flowers have a faint, pleasant scent that's attractive to bees. There are five stamen that stand on the corolla; three of them are shorter than the other two and have a large number of tiny white hairs on their filaments. These hairs are full of sap alluring honey bees, as well as other flying insects seeking its nectar who in turn will help pollinate the plant. The mullein plant reproduces with seeds.

The ripened seed capsule is very hard and contains many seeds, which eventually escape through two valves and are scattered around the parent plant.

During its first year, the young mullein plant will produce only a rosette of downy leaves. During the second summer the mullein grows to the long flowering stalk.

Mullein prefer mostly dry soils and a sunny position, but will flourish almost anywhere. Once established, it will perpetuate itself by self-sowing.

The down on the leaves and stem makes excellent tinder when dried, and will ignite with the slightest spark. Before the introduction of cotton, they were used for lamp wicks, hence another of the old names: 'Candlewick Plant.' The plant's foliage can also serve as blotters, containers for vegetables when cooking in a fire pit, and "gloves" when gathering such thorny herbs as stinging nettles. In pioneer days, young ladies rubbed their faces with mullein "fur" to bring a rosy flush to their cheeks. Both in European and Asian folklore, the power of driving away evil spirits was ascribed to the Mullein. It was the mullein that Ulysses, in the ancient classic, took to protect himself against the wiles of Circe.

And in the 'olden days' it wasn't unusual for a little girl to clip some of the leaves as they make excellent blankets for doll beds!

There are many uses for the tall mullein and its furry leaves. Just use your imagination and you may come up with something to add to the list that supports the fact, Mullein isn't just a weed and you might consider the tall stately mullein as a handsome addition to your garden.

Household Hints: Trap fruit flies

Did you bring home fruit flies from the market? You can make traps for them that can be used anywhere around your house by filling an old jar about halfway with apple cider. Punch a few holes in the lid, screw it back on, and you're good to go.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Social Studies Teacher

(From Pg. 1) She concluded her thoughts by giving her thanks to all of those involved with our district by saying, "I am honored to teach at TVCS. It is a wonderful school with supportive colleagues and administration. The students and the community are amazing. I look forward to growing and learning alongside you all."

In addition to teaching, Jackie is very active outside of the classroom. She is the Sophomore Class Advisor and has coached Modified Cross Country, Modified Girls Soccer, and Girls and Boys Modified Basketball.

Congratulations again to Jackie for her wonderful accomplishment!

Sullivan County & School DistrictsPrepare for Safe Fall Reopening

(From Pg. 1) "We have a team of nurses and public health experts who have worked hard to keep our COVID-19 numbers low, and we will make every effort to ensure a coordinated response for any suspect case should it occur. As schools prepare to reopen we are stressing the importance of preventive and protective measures that work to prevent transmission of the novel coronavirus, which is hand-washing, mask wearing and social distancing. We know that it works," McGraw noted.

"Sullivan County will stand behind its hardworking teachers, students, faculty and staff," she added. "We believe there will inevitably be bumps and concerns along the way as children and staff get used to social distancing and wearing masks in the school setting, but we are confident that we have set up a protocol and communication plan that will ensure an immediate and timely response to any concerns."

Woodchuck Tests Positive for Rabies in Lake Huntington

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is advising the public that a groundhog (woodchuck) tested positive for rabies after attacking an individual in the Town of Cochecton near Lake Huntington. The person is being treated for rabies exposure.

" Rabies continues to be a health concern in Sullivan County. Summer and warmer weather mean more time spent outdoors as well as an increase in the wild animal population," said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "With a few basic safeguards, you can help protect your family and pets from being exposed to the rabies virus. Rabies is a deadly disease that attacks the brain and spinal cord, and can be transmitted from infected mammals to humans and other mammals. Rabies is most commonly found in raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes. Pets can get rabies if they are not vaccinated to protect them from the disease." The best way to keep pets safe from rabies is to get them vaccinated and keep their shots up to date. If your pet is injured by a rabid animal, contact your veterinarian to get medical attention. Even if your pet has been vaccinated, a booster dose of rabies vaccine may be needed within five days of the incident. Pets that are too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors and allowed outside only under direct supervision. Contact your local health department to determine what follow-up may be needed.

People can also help protect themselves from rabies by observing the following guidelines:

• Don't feed, touch, or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or cats.

• Be sure your pets and livestock are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

• Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

• Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed or other foods that may attract wild animals.

• Feed pets indoors.

• Tightly cap or put away garbage cans.

• Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch, or garage. Cap your chimneys with screens.

• If nuisance wild animals are living in your home, consult with a nuisance wildlife control expert about having them removed. You can find wildlife control experts in the phone book under pest control.

• DO NOT discard a bat found in your sleeping area upon waking, or one you may have come into contact with, try to trap or capture it if you can do it safely, so that it can be tested.

• Teach children not to touch any animal they do not know and to tell an adult immediately if they are bitten by any animal.

• If a wild animal is on your property, let it wander away. Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors who are outside.

• Report all animal bites or contact with wild animals to your county health department. If possible, do not let any animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies.

• If walking in or near a wooded area, carry a large stick, spray repellant or other protection with you in the event you encounter an aggressive animal acting strangely. Most wild animals will run away from rather than approach humans.

For questions or more information, call Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910; after hours, ask for the on-call Communicable Disease Control nurse.

Rabies Clinic Coming August 27

Public Health is sponsoring a free Rabies Clinic at the Town of Liberty's Hanofee Park on Thursday, August 27. Between 4 and 7 p.m., registrants can have their dogs, cats and/or ferrets vaccinated against rabies.

Pre-registration is required at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rabies-Clinic-Registration-August-27-2020. Anyone without an appointment will not be served.

The clinic is open to Sullivan County residents only, who must wear masks at the event. Proof of identification will be required.

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The Bone Hunger Mysterious Book Report No. 415 by John Dwaine McKenna

All novelists are bright. That's because writing is a craft that demands much, and promises nothing more than thousands of hours of solitary and challenging work, putting together what we hope will be a story with an engaging plot, interesting characters and a few surprises along the way that will entertain and involve our readers, maybe even get them back for more of the same character. *It's a tough row to hoe,* as my old granny used to say . . . but that, I think is what gives writing its

allure. It's hard to do well. Damned hard.

Then, along comes a writer with such talent that she makes the near-impossible look easy . . . which is a mark of genius. Her name is Carrie Rubin. She's a physician-turned author, whose newest, *The Bone Hunger*, (Indigo Dot Press, \$25.99, 305 pages, ISBN 978-1-7328541-4-7) is a genre-bend-ing medical thriller, murder mystery and paranormal hair-raiser, all rolled into one. It features a second year orthopedic surgery resident named Benjamin Oris, who's the star pupil on a knee and hip replacement team under the tutelage of the illustrious Dr. Kent Lock, at Philadelphia's Montgometry.



replacement team under the tutelage of the illustrious Dr. Kent Lock, at Philadelphia's Montgomery Hospital.

The novel – and the trouble – begins when Ben discovers the severed leg of one of his former patients while out for a run in the park. Not only is the leg severed, it shows bite marks, a roadrunner tattoo . . . and the surgical implant Dr. Oris helped install just two weeks earlier. But the patient, who hadn't been following orders to exercise, had died in front of Ben from a blood clot in one of his lungs. The police, the hospital administration, and the surgical team all question Dr. Oris, who's had some problems in the past. Then, more body parts start showing up . . . and the killings and mutilations become more frequent . . . while the tension and suspense ratchets up with every page. Each new revelation deepens the mystery and enlarges the suspect pool in this complex medical thriller. It will leave you feeling as if you're ready to scrub in for the next orthopedic surgery with the same team that recently survived a plane crash in wintertime in Alaska, and five days without food, while on a humanitarian mission. *The Bone Hunger* has more twists and turns than the Iditarod Race. It'll keep you guessing until the end and hollering for more from Carrie Rubin, a woman with a special gift for writing and a serial character you'll admire, if not love, named Dr. Ben Oris!

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Carrie Rubin-bio

Is a physician-turned-novelist who writes genre-bending medical thrillers. Her books include **The Bone Hunger, The Bone Curse, Eating Bull**, and **The Seneca Scourge**. She also has a psychological thriller on submission, represented by Victoria Skurnick of Levine Greenberg Rostan Literary Agency, and a cozy mystery published under the name of Morgan Mayer. She lives in Northeast Ohio.

John Dwaine McKenna's Books are now available at the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE



Interview With The Author: Carrie Rubin



John Dwaine McKenna

Today's Mysterious Book Report Interview is with a physician-turned author named Carrie Rubin, who's penned

one of the best medical thrillers to come along since Michael Crichton or Robin Cook last wrote. Ms. Rubin's newest, The Bone Hunger is reviewed in MBR No. 415, and comes highly recommended. With our many thanks for taking a short time-out from working on her next Benjamin Oris medical thriller, here's Carrie Rubin . . .

Why do you write?

For me, it's about the storytelling. I love creating a world where there wasn't one and filling it up with characters who, hopefully, seem like real people in the reader's mind. The experience of letting my imagination run wild is so enjoyable.

I also love plotting the details, and that doesn't always happen in front of the computer. Oftentimes, bits and pieces come to writers when we're off doing other things, and then we have to hurry and jot them down before we forget them. It's like working on a puzzle: you have to put all the pieces in the right place if you want a structurally sound novel. (Contd. P6



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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman. This local author



has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift! *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: http://amazon.com or

http://barnesandnoble.com and type in Prosilio in the search to order your copy of Prosilio

The Olive Jar-**By Carol Olsen LaMonda** We Are Water

I finished reading the Wally Lamb book entitled We Are Water. It is a character study about a dysfunctional family brought together with the past and with each other. The theme of water runs through the book and concludes with the author saying we are mostly water and drawn to the water as we go through life trying to make sense of our complicated lives.

The water

image became a metaphor for my past six months of living in the Pandemic of airborne droplets that are swimming around the sea of our lives. The virus attacked New York with a flash flood of closings and warnings. At first we all tried swimming against the tide hoping to avoid drowning in our own bodily flu-



ids as waves of devastating numbers flooded the media. We lived in a frenzy of soapy water.

After realizing that fighting the virus alone with our hoarding of wipes and toilet paper, we needed to mask up and help each other through. We reduced our frantic crawl stroke to a slower and easier pace of treading water. By that I mean we did our daily routines just trying to keep from drowning in loss of people and things we took for granted.

Now, as New York starts to ease up, I still find myself in water not sure of what the harbor or shore might look like when I get there. The difference



is I am floating, floating around looking skyward to a future I cannot imagine. I am a swimmer, a strong swimmer, but when I get tired, as I am now, I float. Somehow my cellulite keeps me buoyant. I feel like I am restful and peaceful as I look upward to whatever comes next. Join me as I float on the

surface of my ocean of chaos and uncertainty. Hopefully there will be a safe harbor ahead.

A water image always reminds me of my favorite saying, "By myself I Library for a maximum of 1 hour. Patrons will need to am a drop of water; together we are an ocean." We are all in this dilemma together helping each other along the way. Keep afloat.

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Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis and their Aktion Club Presents the SC Office for the Aging with Handwritten Cards



The Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis and their Aktion Club recently presented the Sullivan County Office for the Aging with approximately 80 handwritten cards, created by Kiwanians, Aktion Club members and Woodridge's K-Kids (third through sixth-graders at Cosor Elementary School in Fallsburg), to be distributed to local senior citizens served by the County's Meals on Wheels program.

Containing messages of good will and cheer, the cards will be sent out in the days to come and carefully handled to avoid COVID-19 transmission.



Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul (left) and Nutrition Site Coordinator Jane Bozan (right) accepted the cards from Monticello Kiwanis Publicity Chair Sheila Lashinsky (second from left), Woodridge Kiwanis Board Member Sue Kasofsky (center) and Aktion Club Treasurer Lara Biella (second from right).

Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local New York State's_PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY

New York State's_PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL campaign encourages residents to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. New York State DEC and State Parks recommendations for getting outside safely incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health for reducing the spread of infectious diseases. This guidance urges New Yorkers to recreate locally, practice physical distancing, show respect for all outdoor adventurers, and use common sense to protect themselves and others.

Take the Pledge to PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL: Enjoy the Outdoors Safely and Responsibly

1. I pledge to respect the rules and do my part to keep parks, beaches, trails, boat launches, and other public spaces safe for everyone.

2. I will stay local and close to home.

3. I will maintain a safe distance from others outside of my household.

4. I will wear a mask when I cannot maintain social distancing.

5. I accept that this summer, I may have to adjust how I enjoy the outdoors to help keep myself and others healthy and safe, even if it means changing my plans to visit a public space.

6. I will be respectful of others by letting them pass by me if needed on a trail and keeping my blanket 10 feet apart from others on the beach.

7. I will move quickly through shared areas like parking lots, trailheads, and scenic areas to avoid crowding.

8. If I'm not feeling well, I will stay home.

Use the hashtags #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal, #RecreateResponsibly, and #RecreateLocal on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share how you get outside safely, responsibly, and locally. Visit on.ny.gov/playsmartny_to learn more.

What's Local? Consistent with the NYForward phased reopening plan, DEC and State Parks are encouraging New Yorkers to recreate locally in their region. Use DECinfo Locator to find a DECmanaged resource near you and visit the State Parks website for information about parks and park closures.

Social Distancing Guidelines: Follow DEC's_guidelines for social distancing while recreating outdoors.

Pack A Mask: New Yorkers are required to wear masks in public when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained, including on trails, on summits, in parking lots and in the backcountry.

Keep it Clean: A new DEC Public Service Announcement_reminds outdoor adventurers to Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local while keeping natural areas litter-free. (Contd. Pg. 28)

Saturday, September 26th 4pm to 6:30pm

at the Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY. The BBQ includes: delicious BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread, brownie and ice cream.

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque \$12 per meal and are available on line: https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/product/chicken-takeout-bbq-tickets/ or by calling 845 985-7700, or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740, or emailing info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.



Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect other people.

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Catskill Art Society will present two concurrent solo exhibitions from Suzanne Joelson and Liza Phillips at CAS Arts Center at 48 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, August 29. The exhibitions will be on view Saturday, August 29 - Saturday, October 25, 2020.

Suzanne Joelson's paintings and mixed media on wood panels combine disparate elements, while maintain each's integrity. In this body of work, she utilizes children's play rugs with otherwise flat birds' eye view of roads and towns. With it, the familiar becomes strange, and the structure becomes fallible. For the artist, the paintings have come to be about walking, about spatial changes and watching one's step, catching the light



and imagining the map. Her paintings explore the difference between the experience and its symbol, between wandering and the plan - for Joelson, the change in the season urban walking gave way to rural hikes. Using tires and shoes alongside more traditional painting tools, the painting becomes a way to track change. Then, in June, as the local and international protests began, the artist's mind turned to marching even though her feet were in the studio.

After graduating from Bennington College Suzanne Joelson worked in theatre and dance, toured the world with Merce Cunningham Dance Company as stage manager in charge of scenery and costumes, working on sets with Morris Graves, Jasper Johns, and Robert

Rauschenberg. A show at the Drawing Center led to a job teaching at RISD. She showed in NY at Wolf Gallery and Debs&Co as well as in Spain, India, Morocco and Turkey. She taught at Columbia and for twelve years in the Bard MFA program but focuses her teaching now at SVA in NYC. She has received awards from the American Academy, the National Academy, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Tiffany Foundation.

Everyone has their own version of dystopia these days, Liza Phillips has to with the uncontainability of our object-filled lives, and the fragmentation of our focus. Both can lead to imbalance, spilled cargo, and lost points of reference. (Contd. Pg. 14)

The Scene Too



Have you been to the new beer garden at the Neversink General



Store? It's up and attached to the BBQ shed within the new fence. I'm a big fan of the shed and their brisket and pulled pork sandwiches. But how very nice to have a sparkling wine from Portugal to go with it. I say wine because I'm

not a beer drinker, but if I was, I'd be opting for a draft from their keg of independent brewers at UPWARD BREWERY in Livingston Manor. This is such a great and innovative idea for the area in this time when people are still nervous about going out!



I spoke briefly with Fabio who is running the shack. The hours are Friday and Saturday from 11AM to 8PM and Sundays from 11AM to (last week) 4PM making it very convenient to stop by and grab lunch or dinner. Last Sunday, they offered a 'meal for two' for \$27 that looked more like a feast than a meal. And the outside dining is at socially distant spacing so even I could feel safe. Well done NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE!

Sunday, I had every intention to get out to RAFTERS in Callicoon for their Open Mic. Alas, it was not meant to be. Is anyone else having trouble sleeping? My eyes seemed trained to open lately at 4am...not a time I have ever been fond of except from the other side of the night in my younger days. Now it's just an irritant since I am unable to get back to sleep. I thought it might be a kitty, waking me up because they were hungry, but this proved unfounded as giving them a 'snack' at that time found three half asleep kitties wandering out at the sound of kibbles hitting their bowl. I don't know, just a temporary thing I hope.

But by the time it would have been time to head out, I found myself really tired so off I went to CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville and a group called SIDE F/X. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Desperate Times Calls for Desperate Travels

Are you getting antsy? Are you feeling like you absolutely need to travel, no matter what the cost might be? Isolation is getting the better of you and you're ready to get out anywhere?

I understand where you're coming from. I get it. It feels like we've all been in an arbitrary "lockdown" for nearly an eternity.



Croatia

15. Egypt

1. Albania 2. Antigua and Barbuda 3. Armenia 4. Aruba 5. Bahamas 6. Barbados 7. Belarus 8. Bermuda 9. Brazil 10. Costa Rica 11. Croatia 12. Dominica 13. Dominican Republic 14. Ecuador

(Contd. Pg. 13)

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17. Grenada
18. Haiti
19. Honduras
20. Jamaica
21. Maldives
22. Mexico (spoiler alert: that's where I'll be headed at some point in the near future!)
23. Montenegro
24. North

Macedonia 25. Puerto Rico 26. Rwanda 27. Serbia 28. St. Barths 29. St. Lucia 30. St. Maarten 31. St. Vincent and The Grenadines 32. Tanzania 33. Turkey 34. Turks and Caicos 35. UAE 36. Ukraine 37. U.S. Virgin Islands 38. The USA!

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The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) I could have sworn I'd seen them before until they took the stage and I realized I hadn't. And from the moment Daniel



Greenberg opened his mouth to sing, I absolutely knew I hadn't. The voice on this Vietnam Vet (yes, Vietnam) was so clear, so strong, so crisp that it should send

all the 20-somethings in bands to their phones to look up the nearest voice coach. The gentlemen in the band, Kenny Barone, Bill 'Taz' Guillermo and Gregg Weiss are just as impressive making it rather difficult to refer to them as 'guys'. To say I was not expecting this and was blown away is an understatement. Their repertoire is covers, everything from Jimmy Hendrix to the Doors with a little Janis Joplin thrown in for good measure. Remember the band name,

SIDE F/X, and keep an eye out here as they are at CABERNET FRANK'S often. Go see them, they won't disappoint.

Coming up this week:

CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville

Tuesday, Aug 25: SARAH HULSE and JESSIE MOWER; 7pm. Another that I highly recommend. Sarah is in great demand at festivals in the summer, but thanks to the virus, we have the wonderful pleasure of hearing her locally.

Wednesday Aug 26: NICK HEATHON; 7pm. This Brit too is always touring, EXCEPT this year when you have the distinct pleasure of hearing him perform solo.

Thursday Aug 27: SCOTT PALERMO; 7:30pm. Acoustic guitar with a Gordon Lightfoot like voice.

Friday Aug 28: PATTON (from the popular group THE NUDE PARTY); 7pm. Saturday Aug 29: TOMMY TOM LLL SHOWCASE; 7pm. Comedy at its finest!

Sunday Aug 30: THE JOHNNY JULES BAND; 4pm. Blue grassy country blues. What more could you ask for?

HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville Wednesday Aug 26: Open Mic; 7pm

RAFTER'S TAVERN, Upper Main St., Callicoon Sunday Aug 29: Open Mic; 3pm

Get up, go out, wear a mask, social distance (Winter is coming) Stay safe, stay strong

Until next time.....



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Interview With The Author: Carrie Rubin

John Dwaine McKenna

From Pg. 5)

What do you write about?

With my background as a physician, I write medical thrillerswrite what you know, right?-but I sometimes blur the genre, like in my Benjamin Oris series where a man of science gets caught up in otherworldly situations. However, I recently published a cozy mystery written under the pen name of Morgan Mayer that had little to do with medicine, so it was fun to color outside the lines a bit.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

Not autobiographical, no, but introverts like me do seem to find their way into my novels quite frequently...

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I'm definitely an outliner. I like knowing where the pieces need to be and what the purpose of each scene is before I begin writing the first draft. That doesn't mean surprises don't happenthey do-but for me it's a lot easier to make the changes in the first draft than a later one.

How did your book first get published?

My writing journey has been a long one with plenty of ups and downs. I finished writing my first book in 2003, but as so often happens between work and family, life got in the way, and it sat hidden in my computer files for years. Then, in 2011, I polished it off, submitted it around, and got an offer from a small press that published it in 2012.

With my next book, I opted to go with a hybrid publisher, one geared more toward my genre and giving me a little more control over my work, but I still desired an agent and a more traditional route, so I kept writing and submitting. Last summer I signed with Victoria Skurnick of Levine Greenberg Rostan Literary Agency, and she currently has a book of mine out on submission.

Do you belong to a writers group?

I don't. I feel like I should devote as much time working on my manuscript as I can, because it's so easy to get sidetracked with other things, but I do have a great pool of beta readers who are invaluable to making sure my story works. I also have some resources to draw from should I need a specialist in a particular field to make sure I get the details right. In fact, a family member of mine, who's a police officer, is probably tired of my questions by now!

What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

Description in general, particularly as relates to nature. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the vocabulary. (Maybe I should have taken a class in botany...) Plus, as a writer, you want to set the scene and anchor the reader in the surroundings, but it's a balance between giving them too much detail and not enough. Finding the right amount can be tricky. You don't want the reader confused as to the setting, but you also don't want them skimming the paragraphs. Bonus. Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

Readers can connect with me on my website at www.carrierubin.com, Twitter, Facebook, and Goodreads.

Thank you so much for taking the time to interview me, John. I enjoyed answering your questions!

You're welcome . . . and my personal thank you to you for such an outstanding novel. It was a joy to read and review it. And please keep us in the loop about your next project.

Her Quirky Journey Desperate Times Calls for Desperate Travel

(From Pg. 11) If you must travel, you know I'm the one that's right there with you! Obviously, this should go without saying, but I will mention these points: wear a mask every step of the way, use hand sanitizer, wash your hands for twenty seconds or more very often, keep your social distancing going strong, and quarantine!



Me in Croatia

Great. You want to travel and you'll be cautious when doing so. But, where exactly can we, as Americans, go? Here's a current list of countries that are currently open to Americans:



Me in Montenegro

When observing this comprehensive list, remember to heavily research the requirements for going to each place. Some require negative COVID tests, from example. So, as bleak as the world may appear right now, there's hope for tourism yet!



Two Concurrent Solo Exhibitions at CAS



(From Pg. 10) Maintaining lightness is key, so the artist looks for humor where she can find it and plumb the image bank regularly. Each work is a conversation about being in the world and about what painting is uniquely in a position to say. In his Poetics of Space, Bachelard describes the emotional intensity of a desk drawer as potentially equal to that of a large house or a vast landscape, and it is with scale shifts that Phillips also find new possibilities. A cargo ship can seem the size of a toy, or a toaster the size of a building. Depth of field is unpredictable and visions may collide. These paintings span about four years during which she has discovered new ways to bring



together her love of drawing with a loose and direct way of painting. For Phillips the challenge is always in finding a place where the two worlds interact. Phillips is interested in the space between narratives, where stories might begin in the rational mind and dissolve in pure paint. She dwells between fixed points of reference, seeking the structure of objects and spaces as an invitation for abstraction to interfere. At other times images simply emerge.

Liza Phillips has exhibited her paintings, sculpture, drawings and photographic prints extensively in the US and the UK since the early 1980s. She received her BA in art and philosophy from Vassar College and received her MA in painting from Chelsea College of Art in London. She attended Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine. In 2018 she had a solo drawing show at Smith College of Art in Northampton, MA. Her work has been shown at major museums and galleries such as the Whitechapel in London, the San Bernadino Museum in CA, The Sculpture Center, NY, Pierogi and Momenta Art in Brooklyn and most recently at the Hefei-Kurume Art Museum, Hefei, China.

New procedures and protocol will be in place to ensure the safety of our visitors, artists and staff. To that end masks are required for entry, social distancing of 6 feet is encouraged, and capacity is limited. Our celebrated Artist Talks and Receptions will move online, so you can hear directly from the artists from the safety of your own home.

CAS Arts Center hours are Fridays - Saturdays 11am - 5pm, and Sundays 11am - 3pm.

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Easy Coconut Pie

2 cups milk 1/2 cup baking mix* 1/4 cup butter 3/4 cup white sugar 4 eggs

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 cup flaked coconut

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9 inch pie plate.

2. Combine milk, sugar, biscuit mix, eggs, butter or margarine, and vanilla in blender container. Cover, and blend on low speed for 3 minutes. Pour into prepared pie plate. Let stand about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with coconut.

3. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve warm.





LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

<u>I. Angela Mueller, School Tax Collector</u> for the Tri-Valley Central School District, have received the School Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1, 2020. Tax payments can be made at the location and on the dates listed below:

Catskill Hudson Bank (Grahamsville Location ONLY) 279 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 Starting Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Tax collecting hours will be:

Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Payments may also be mailed to the address given below: Tri-Valley CSD P.O. Box 419

Grahamsville, NY 12740

*Credit card payments are no longer accepted.

Taxes will be received in accordance with the following

penalty schedule: Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 No penalty Payment in full or 50% of total bill Oct. 1 - Nov. 2 2% penalty Total Balance due or 25% of total bill Nov. 3 - Nov. 6 3% penalty Total Due

The School Tax Collector may not accept payments after November 6, 2020.

<u>Sullivan County Residents</u> (ONLY): Sullivan County is no longer accepting School Tax Payments.

<u>Ulster County Residents</u> (**ONLY**): Contact Ulster County Treasurer's Office to make arrangements for any payments after Nov. 20, 2020.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relevied at an additional 7% on your 2021 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

<u>PATRIOT PLAN:</u> Under the provisions of Section 925-d of the Real Property Tax Law, known as the "Patriot Plan" you may be eligible for a deadline extension on your tax payment. Contact the Tax Collector for details.

Angela Mueller, School Tax Collector Dated: September 1, 2020

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Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning Town Board in an effort, to be in accordance with, the Executive Order No. 202.4 issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo on March 7th, 2020, and which has been extended, has decided to RESHEDULE the previously scheduled Town Board meetings, which were to be held on the first Tuesday, of every month at the Denning Town Hall, to be held in conjunction with the Town Business Meeting which will be held on the second Tuesday, of every month at 6 pm, at the Denning Town Hall.

The Town Board and Town Business Meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th and December 8th of 2020 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

he Meeting will be open to the Public, with four residents in attendance, as ORDERED.

Please email any questions or comments pertaining to agenda items, only, to townclerk@denning.us, which must be received by Monday, prior to Said meeting by 12 noon for inclusion.

By Order of the Denning Town Board Joy Monforte, RMC, T.C. August 17th, 2020.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning is seeking; sealed bids for cut, split fire wood; approximately two cords + or -. and chunks.

Wood may be viewed at the Denning Highway Dept. 1444 Denning, Claryville, NY 12725. Call the Highway. Superintendent at 845-985-2543 to schedule an appointment.

Bids will be opened at the Town of Denning Town Board & Business Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 6 pm. Bids must be received in a sealed envelope, clearly marked bid, prior to the commencement of Said meeting.

The Town of Denning Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

By order of the Denning Town Board	
Joy Monforte, RMC, TC	
August 17th, 2020	8/27

PUBLIC NOTICE – FREE NOTARY, PHOTOCOPIES AND FAXING IN GRAHAMSVILLE

William A. Brenner, attorney in Grahamsville, New York, has a sign on his office lawn stating: "Due to Crisis, FREE Notary, Photocopies and Faxing."

The Neversink Town Hall, Daniel Pierce Library, and Tri-Valley School are closed, where these services are normally provided. The Catskill Hudson Bank is open but doing business behind locked doors due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

This free community service is to assist older townsfolk and families without computers who have been affected by new federal and state assistance forms and pension and court forms requiring notarized signatures and immediate filing. William A. Brenner

Intersection of Route 55 and 42

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Sen. Jen Metzger on Absentee Ballot Request and Vote-By-Mail Bills Newly Signed into Law in NYS

" It is absolutely vital that New Yorkers are able to exercise their most fundamental democratic right and vote safely, by mail, in the November election, and have the assurance that their votes will be counted. Last month, we passed several important bills that directly address issues that arose in the primary, and I'm thrilled to see three of these bills now signed into law. For voters who prefer not to vote in person, I strongly encourage them to apply for their absentee ballot ASAP, and vote as early as allowable before election day to help make the ballot-counting process smoother for our county Boards of Elections."

The bills Senator Metzger co-sponsors that were signed into law today include:

S8015D: Authorizes voters to request an absentee ballot due to risk of illness, including COVID.

S8783A: Authorizes voters to request an absentee ballot earlier than 30 days before the election (effective Thursday, August 20). S8799A: Allows ballots to be postmarked on the day of the election, November 3. Also provides that any absentee ballot be presumed timely even if it does not bear a dated postmark, as long as the ballot was received and time-stamped by the day after Election Day.

Assemblymember Cahill: Virus Precautions Must Be Balanced With Regional Behavioral Health Commitments

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) participated in joint legislative hearings over the past several weeks regarding the impact of COVID-19 on New York's nursing homes and hospital systems and how the implementation of certain policies and procedures ultimately affected the approach to addressing the pandemic.

In the last of the hearings, focused on hospitals, over two dozen stakeholders gave testimony, including New York State Commissioner of Health Dr. Howard Zucker, as well as labor unions, health care providers, patient advocates and facility administrators. Among the many topics of discussion were: procuring, using and maintaining personal protective equipment and other medical devices; the transportation of downstate COVID-19 patients to upstate hospitals, as well as the general usage of overflow sites; safe staffing concerns; visitation and isolation measures; financial and infrastructural pressures; and the altering of resources and services to meet capacity demands as part of overall pandemic preparedness.

"This hearing helped identify much of what has worked and what has not, as well as practices needing to be changed as we continue to fight this virus and potentially others in the future," said Assemblymember Cahill. "However, given the fact that local psychiatric services were moved out of our hospital area, I felt that it was critical to use this opportunity to raise the strong concerns of our community and myself, concerning the dearth and disappearance of mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse services from our region."

Assemblymember Cahill received initial feedback from Commissioner Zucker that the Department is working with the Office of Mental Health to address growing demand throughout the state and continuing to review hospitals' certificates of need to determine whether these types of services require amendment or restoration. Mr. Cahill followed up his remarks with a letter to the Commissioner outlining several questions related to the preservation, adequacy and general state of mental health/rehabilitation beds and units throughout our district.

"Our community fully understands the importance of being ready for this unprecedented health emergency and supports the reservation of facilities to meet potential needs," continued Assemblymember Cahill. "That said, the ending of many of the services and significant reduction of others that our area relies upon has had a devastating impact on the people and families Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley is licensed to serve. I applaud the New York State Department of Health, Dr. Zucker and Governor Andrew Cuomo for their sound and reasonable decision-making that kept many New Yorkers safe from the COVID-19 virus. However, pandemic preparations are not the only health care obligation. Using this emergency as an excuse for unnecessarily shifting and diminishing services violates both the spirit and letter of our laws. While my local concern is clear, it is also an example of a larger issue that deserves action."

Assembly member Cahill's questioning of Commissioner Zucker during the hearing may be found at the following link: h t t p s : // n y a s s e m b l y . g o v / m e m / K e v i n - A - Cahill/video/16119/#videos

Legislature Forms Broadband LDC to Launch Wireless Initiative – Study Indicates at Least 60% of County Can Benefit

Monticello, NY - A week after legislators learned Sullivan County's ambitious wireless broadband project could reach up to 60% of the local population using current technology, the Sullivan County Legislature unanimously agreed to create the Broadband Access Local Development Corporation (LDC) in preparation of the project's launch.

"We did a broadband wireless predictive study [Countywide]," Information Technology Services Commissioner Lorne Green told the Legislature's Management & Budget Committee on August 13. "That came up with 44,779 residential customers with potential service, which is really exciting. ...We overlaid the business locations in the County and then ran the same analysis... 1,213 of them were covered."

Cell-based broadcast equipment is proposed to be mounted on a total of 12 towers, 9 of which are County-owned and one of which is privately owned. The remaining two towers are planned to be built by next year. The study took into account the signal reach of each of the towers.

"We'll be able to broadcast up to 200Mbps service," Green affirmed, contrasting that with DSL service, which typically offers 6-7 Mbps. "Our biggest challenge is terrain and foliage."

Legislators, who consider this concept the County's #1 priority, authorized Green and his staff to launch a pilot project later this year in the Monticello area. Should it prove successful, the County aims to roll out the service across Sullivan, utilizing a mixture of grants and revenue from subscribers to the service. The LDC was created to accomplish such through a five-member board (Green has been appointed, while the Legislature will choose four other members shortly), whose mandate will be to acquire, finance, dispose of, lease and/or license land, towers and broadcast equipment to provide broadband service to underserved and unserved areas of Sullivan County

"Sullivan County has long been of only mild interest to broadband providers," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty stated. "So we're stepping in to give the kind of Internet service our residents and businesses have to have. Without it, we will not be able to grow the County, especially in the western end. Broadband wireless offers us a way to provide high speed at low cost, and it will position us very competitively in a world that demands instant connectivity."



We were very determined to hold this car show however, due to no recent changes in the State & Local Covid-19 guidelines, we were unable to obtain clearance from the State. We are very saddened by this turn of events as the DAV is very dear to our hearts. We look forward to 2021 being a healthier year where we are planning our most successful Wings & Wheels for Warriors yet! As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again open, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.





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Tri-Valley School Board Meetings

Thursday, August 27, 2020 Anticipated Executive Session 5:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level

Regular Meeting #5 6:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Leve

Thursday, September 3, 2020 Anticipated Executive Session 5:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level

Regular Meeting #6 6:00 p.m. Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Chicken BBQ

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

Lighting of the 100 year old Red Hill Fire Tower

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

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

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

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

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

In the event of rain or zero visibility, the "Lighting of the Towers" will take place on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020.

Stay safe and thank you for your support!

Red Hill Fire Tower Committee



Free Concert's

In Big Indian Park Big Indian, NY



August 16 Dick Bowden's Bluegrass Rangers 5-7



August 30 Country Express 5-7

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

WE'RE OPEN For Limited Hours & Services Here's what you need to know:



LIMITED HOURS

We are excited to welcome you back! Our hours are currently limited to the following:Curbside Pick-up hours:Building Hours:Monday - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RETURNING ITEMS

We ask that all items be returned through the book drop only for the safety of our staff. Upon return items will sit in "quarantine" for four (4) days. You will not accrue any fines during that time. After quarantine we will check the books back in and they will be removed from your account. We appreciate your patience with this new procedure.



LIMITED CAPACITY

Occupancy in the building will be limited to maintain social distancing. Please follow signs and designated floor markings. During this time we are open for limited browsing, copying, printing, and limited computer usage. If you need WiFi our patio is available to you at all times. We ask that you bring a mask and maintain proper social distancing from other patrons.



LIMITED COMPUTER USE

Computers have been spaced six (6) feet apart on the adult circulation floor and will be the only computers available at this time. Computers will be sanitized between each use. Please call to make an appointment as we have only a limited number of computers available.



CONTINUED VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

While our in person programs are on hold, we are continuing to offer virtual programming. Please check our website and facebook page for the upcoming program schedule.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you again!



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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - http://www.denning.us

Town of Neversink - https://townofneversink.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

8/29/2020 Daniel Pierce Library Drive Thru Donuts 8 am - 12 noon at the Library. 845-985-7233x100 to order. \$6.00/dozen

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

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

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

9/8/2020 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

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

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

Save the Date!

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

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

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

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



Annual Meeting of The Neversink Association

On Sunday, September 6, 2020, at noon, members of The Neversink Association will meet at the Frost Valley Y Pavilion on the main campus, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. A BYO picnic is followed by the annual meeting. Members bring blankets or chairs and get to meet up with their neighbors who have been enjoying the summer in the "hollows, valleys and mountaintops" of the Upper Neversink River. (All COVID protocols will be observed).

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

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

Tri-Valley Elementary School

WANTED: Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306

or pennyhennessey @trivalleycsd.org.

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

Time and the Valley Museum One Room School Exhibit

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

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

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

New members are always welcomed. To join our association, please send \$20 per household to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville NY 12725.

See more information on Instagram or Facebook (www.facebook.com/neversinkassociation)

Big Eddy Film Festival Announces 2020 LineupIncluding Two World Premieres In Person September 24 - 26 Online September 24 - October 4

Online September 24 - October 4

This September, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will expand the Big Eddy Film Festival (BEFF) beyond the movie theater for one-of-a-kind experiences, both outdoors and online. Central themes of the films being presented include untold female stories and the intersection of politics and music. Screenings will take place at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Terrace Stage, the Big Eddy Film Festival's online streaming platform, and at a popup drive-in outside Narrowsburg.

WORLD PREMIERES AT BETHEL WOODS

The BEFF opens on Friday, September 25 with the world premiere theatrical screening of JIMMY CARTER ROCK & ROLL PRESIDENT at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The film chronicles the relationship that music played in Carter's early life, his campaign for the White House, and his term as the 39th President of the United States (1977 - 1981). Particularly relevant in this election year, director Mary Wharton traces how Carter's genuine approachability became key to his political appeal, and allowed him to connect with voters. His embrace of music, particularly that of Bob Dylan, the Allman Brothers, and Willie Nelson, helped the peanut farmer from small-town Georgia reach out across racial and generational divides. The film, which was slated to open the Tribeca Film Festival in April (which was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic), has been picked up for distribution by CNN Films.

The festival continues at Bethel Woods on Saturday, September 26 with the world premiere theatrical screening of the new drama GOSSAMER FOLDS, a coming of age story set in 1980s Missouri. Ten-year-old Tate (Jackson Robert Scott, 'It') defies his transphobic father and develops a strong bond with his transgender neighbor Gossamer (Alexandra Grey, "Empire," "Transparent") and her father, a retired English professor who is still processing his child's identity. The film's creative team includes queer director, Lisa Donato; transgender cinematographer, Ava Benjamin Shorr; cisgender producer, Yeardley Smith (the voice of Lisa Simpson, and an LGBTQ+ ally); and transgender actor, Alexandra Grey. The Advocate says "It's a nuanced exploration of childhood, identity, friendship, and family dynamics, especially the formation of found families. Its characters are multilayered, imperfect, and evolving."

POP-UP DRIVE-IN EVENT

Grease is the word on Thursday, September 24!! An exclusive event for BEFF Superstar Passholders, the Big Eddy will host a film in the field screening of the musical phenomenon GREASE (1978) starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. It's California 1959; greaser Danny Zuko and wholesome exchange student Sandy Olsson are in love. But when the summer ends and school begins, things get complicated. Pop the tailgate and cozy up under a blanket, or bring lawn chairs to sit around a personal campfire in the field. Bring your own brown bag dinner, or enjoy snacks and beverages from our concession stand. Individual tickets are not available to this event.

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 4

"For our extended 10-day virtual festival, we've curated a lineup of new documentaries relevant to today's world that will be available on our new streaming platform starting September 24," says festival director Tina Spangler. Cozy up at home for these fascinating nonfiction stories exploring a spectrum of women's experiences, and then join us online for hosted conversations with the makers. Meet a police chief actively reforming her department, an artist creating tools to demystify the female libido, and the first Mrs. Johnny Cash, whose long overdue story is told by

her daughters. THE DILEMMA OF DESIRE Directed by Maria Finitzo

An exploration of "cliteracy," and the clash between the gender politics and the imperatives of female sexual desire, this entertaining, eye-opening, and radical documentary explores the work of four women who are shattering myths and lies about female sexual desire, bodies and - ultimately - power. The film is directed by Peabody Award-winner Maria Finitzo.

MY DARLING VIVIAN Directed by Matt Riddlehoover

Meet the first Mrs. Johnny Cash, Vivian Liberto, through never-before-seen film and photographs, as well as intimate interviews with her four children, Rosanne, Kathy, Cindy, and Tara. The devoted daughters trace Vivian's romantic, wrenching, and dizzying journey. "My mother's own story has often been lost or misinterpreted to serve a myth. Even though she was an intensely private woman, I think she longed to have her story told, and her place in the history of my family acknowledged with respect and love," says Rosanne Cash. The film is directed by Matt Riddlehoover, Vivian Liberto's grandson-in-law.

WOMEN IN BLUE Directed by Deirdre Fishel

This documentary work-in-progress takes us inside the Minneapolis Police Department in the years and months leading up to George Floyd's murder. The film introduces us to Minneapolis's first female police chief, Janee Harteau, as she attempts to reform the force and recruit more women. We follow three of those female cops on their beats. This film is an extraordinary view into the very police department that months later was in the spotlight as a catalyst for a worldwide movement to end police violence.

Tickets and Passes

Tickets are available to individual films, for both physical screenings and online films. Big Eddy Film Festival Superstar Passes include admission to 3 nights of outdoor screenings, plus a panel discussion at Bethel Woods, and a 2020 BEFF sweatshirt. (Note: online screenings are not included in the pass).

Tickets and passes go on sale the first week of September.

For more details, visit BigEddyFilmFest.com or call DVAA 845-252-7576.

About the Big Eddy Film Festival

Produced by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance of Narrowsburg, NY, the Big Eddy Film Festival aims to advance the traditional art of storytelling by showing the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. To learn more, visit www.BigEddyFilmFest.com.

About the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Founded in 1976, DVAA serves as Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY. Our mission is to advance the arts in the region through the support and encouragement of artists; innovative programs; advocacy; and alliances with arts organizations, business, and government. With year-round exhibitions, performing arts programming, festivals, regrant programs, and more, DVAA is a vital hub for the region's cultural community. To learn more, visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and humanities by presenting a diverse selection of culturally-rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 15,000, an intimate 440-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming. To learn more, visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.



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Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local

(From Pg. 9) COVID-19 Travel Restrictions: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 205, visitors coming from travel restricted states will not be issued camping permits and will not be allowed to stay on state lands until they have completed a mandatory 14-day quarantine. Quarantining on state land is not permitted. Hike within the Limits of Your Physical Abilities and Experience Catskill lands and forests are patrolled by Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and other staff. These officers and staff respond to, and assist, local agencies with search and rescue missions, wildfire suppression, and more. Following this guidance (PDF) will prevent unnecessary burdens on, and dangers to, state resources and frontline emergency first responders during the ongoing COVID-19 response.

DEC has additional guidance for boating/paddling, anglers, and hunters.

General Conditions: Be Prepared Hiking

Always remember to practice Leave No Trace. You can start with the first principle, Plan Ahead and Prepare.

As with any outdoor activity, proper planning and preparation is key. Research camping and hiking regulations for the area you will be visiting. Illegal camping can have devastating impacts on fragile ecosystems and can lead to hefty fines if you are caught. Have back-up plans in case the site you want is taken. Check the weather and bring the right gear to keep you safe and comfortable. Pack plenty of food and water and bring a back-up method of filtering water. Have a plan for storing food to prevent human-animal encounters.

Before you hit the trail, check out DEC's Hike Smart NY page to learn about safety, best practices, and preparedness. While recreating in the Catskills, please follow the Hiker Responsibility Code and avoid busy trailheads. Discover trails less traveled and visit when trails may not be as busy.

Seek out less-used trails and avoid busy trailheads. If you arrive and find a trailhead is crowded, seek out another place to recreate. Trailhead Registers: Trailhead registers provide vital information, so please continue to sign in and out. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take special precautions while using trailhead registers to minimize spread of the virus through commonly touched surfaces, such as pencils and the registers themselves. Follow these guidelines when using trailhead registers to prevent the spread of coronavirus:

o Only one person per group should register. Others in the group should stay away from the register.

o If someone is at a register when you approach, stand at least six feet away and wait for them to leave before you approach.

Bring your own pencil or pen. 0

Minimize touching surfaces. 0

Carry hand sanitizer and use it immediately before and after 0 using the register.

o Avoid coughing and sneezing while at the register. If you must cough or sneeze, move away from the register and hand sanitize before returning.

Fire Towers: Only one household group should be in the fire tower cab at a time. Groups should social distance on the summit while waiting to climb to the cab. Be sure to sanitize your hands before and after being on the fire tower, and remember to wear your masks.

Hiking with Dogs: DEC warns against bringing dogs hiking in the summer, especially in warm to hot temperatures and on bright sunny days. Dogs hiking in warm temperatures are at risk of experiencing heat exhaustion and death - especially older, larger, and overweight dogs and dogs who are not used to strenuous physical activity. In addition to air temperature, scalding rocks on exposed hikes can quickly raise a dog's body temperature. If your dog does collapse, quickly move to create shade for the dog, cool their feet and stomach, and give them time to rest and rehydrate. If you do bring your dog hiking, bring lots of water for them, give them frequent opportunities to rest and hydrate, monitor them closely, and turn around if they start to show signs of distress.

Be Tick Free

o Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.

o Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots, and shirt into pants.

o Consider using insect repellent on your clothing.

o Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Walk in the center of trails. Avoid dense woods and bushy areas.

Keep long hair tied back. 0

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after going indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be on you.

o Do a final, full-body tick check at the end of the day (also check children and pets), and remove ticks promptly.

Mountain Summits: Check the National Weather Service to prepare for the weather conditions.

Fire Danger: Low. Check the DEC Fire Danger Map for updated conditions.

Campfires: Please remember to practice the fifth principle of Leave No Trace, Minimize Campfire Impacts. Make sure campfires are allowed where you are. Know the current wildfire danger levels - if the risk is high, consider not having a fire. Keep fires small. Use only dead, already downed, and small wood. Never cut trees for firewood, even if they appear dead. Be aware of your surroundings, and do not build fires near other flammable material. Never leave fires unattended, and make sure they are completely extinguished (cold to the touch) before going to bed or leaving the site. Stirring water or dirt into the remains of the fire can help. Learn more about campfire safety.

Trash in the Backcountry: DEC is receiving increased reports of visitors leaving trash behind after trips to state lands, waters, and facilities. DEC reminds outdoor adventurers to follow the principles of Leave No Trace and keep New York's environment clean by properly disposing of waste.

Be Bear Aware

Bears have an acute sense of smell and may attempt to consume anything they perceive as edible, including improperly stored garbage, birdseed, livestock, pet food, and barbecue grill grease traps. Once a bear has discovered a food source, it may return or seek similar foods at neighboring properties, learning bad behavior that can damage human property and may lead to the death of the bear. Follow the tips below to reduce human-bear interactions:

Do not feed bears intentionally. Feeding bears intentionally is illegal and a ticketable offense. Bears that obtain food from humans will continue to seek food from humans and become nuisance bears, which can pose a threat to humans.

Campers and visitors should follow the following guidance to reduce potential bear conflicts:

1. Keep campsites and lean-tos as clean as possible.

2. Clean up after all meals immediately. Keep grills, pots, pans, cooking utensils, and wash basins clean when not in use.

3. Leave coolers and food inside car trunks or truck cabs.

4. Store food and coolers in food lockers when available.

5. Never keep food, coolers, or scented items in tents when camping. Store toiletries securely with coolers and food.

6. Do not put grease, garbage, plastic diapers, cans, bottles, or other refuse in the fireplace.

7. Dispose of garbage in the campground's dumpsters every evening. (Contd. Pg. 29)

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Play Smart * Play Safe * Play Local

From Pg. 28) Please remember to practice the sixth principle of Leave No Trace, Respect Wildlife.

Wildlife might wander into or near your campsite. Remember that you are a visitor in their home. Give them plenty of space and keep quiet. Never feed wildlife. Human food can be harmful to animals and create an unnatural and unsustainable dependency on people. Keep your food secured to prevent accidental wildlife feeding.

Recent Notices

o DEC Temporarily Reducing Permits to Visit Peekamoose Blue Hole: During the State's ongoing response to COVID-19, DEC is temporarily reducing by half (from 50 to 25) the number of permits issued per day to visit the Peekamoose Blue Hole in the town of Denning. DEC permits are required to visit this site on weekends and holidays from May 15 - October 15. Permits are available as late as one day in advance, but no more than seven days in advance. You can acquire permits from Reserve America.

o The Tremper Mountain Fire Tower cab (very top of tower) is now accessible to visitors at all times as part of a pilot program to increase access to state facilities. Please wear a face mask when visiting a tower, and use hand sanitizer before and after climbing to protect other hikers and fire tower volunteers. Volunteers are working diligently, through a volunteer partnership between DEC and the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, to provide staffing to open the fire tower cabs and educate visitors at many locations throughout the Catskill Forest Preserve. For more information on Fire Towers please visit DEC's website.

Hike Safe Tip of the Week: With cooler evenings and chilly night time temperatures upon us, it's important to start preparing for cooler conditions when camping or while on exposed mountain sides and summits. This week's tip is to pack a lightweight warm jacket (synthetic or down insulated) for hikes and backpacking trips. This extra layer will ensure you stay comfy even when temperatures dip into shivery conditions.

Catskills Visitor Center

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Catskills Visitor Center building is temporarily closed to the public. A walk-up window has been installed for visitor information and map sales. Staff is on site to answer questions in person, via phone or email Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stop by on your way to the trails for latest park news, local maps, information and more!

Contact the Catskills Visitor Center for more questions. 845.688.3369 | info@catskillcenter.org

UC Executive Pat Ryan Leads First Meeting of the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation

The group will select a proposal for the Golden Hill property and work to address critical housing needs across Ulster County KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation (UCHDC) held its first meeting to begin the process of creating workforce housing at the former Golden Hill Jail site. The five-member board is starting the process of reviewing proposals for the location and will look to select a developer by October. The formation of the UCHDC comes as a recent report from the National Association of Realtors found that Ulster County saw the highest increase in home sale prices in the country in recent months with 17.6 percent increase over the same time in 2019. "It's more important now than ever that we redouble our efforts to ensure every single resident can afford to live with dignity here in our county. Throughout the pandemic, we have seen our frontline workers work full-time to serve and protect us. We must make sure that they can afford to live in the community that they serve every day," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "The UCHDC will not only allow us to start the process of converting an unused property into housing, but it will also allow us to continue to explore ways to address the broader housing crisis that we are facing. I look forward to continuing to partner with the Legislature to tackle this critical need and ensure every Ulster County resident can afford to live with dignity here in our county."

As part of County Executive Ryan's Big Five priority to Grow and Diversify our Economy for All, County Executive Ryan identified the site of the former county jail on Golden Hill and established the UCHDC to work to develop this location as well as take a holistic view on affordable housing throughout Ulster County.

"The transfer of the Golden Hill property provides us an opportunity to address housing and other socioeconomic issues facing Ulster County," Ulster County Legislative Chairman Dave Donaldson said. "Housing affordability is a top priority of mine and the Legislature, I look forward to working with the UCHDC to address these critical issues."

"The UCHDC will play a critical role in putting a dormant property back on the tax rolls while addressing the need for affordable housing," Legislator Ken Ronk said. "Now more than ever, we need to work together to find creative solutions that meet these essential needs for the residents of Ulster County."

"This is an important first step in bringing this long dormant parcel back to life while helping to solve the need for housing in Ulster County," Legislator Brian Cahill said. "I look forward to hearing from the UCHDC as they explore opportunities while seeking input from all involved stakeholders."

"The housing crisis in Ulster County has reached epidemic levels, we are beyond a mere crisis; this is a housing emergency," Rashida Tyler of The Real Kingston Tenants Union said. "I support transferring the underutilized buildings at Golden Hill for the creation of housing that is affordable for the very people who have helped build this community, those who are working 2-3 jobs to remain in the County they grew up in and would like to raise their children."

Back in April, County Executive Ryan established the Ulster County Recovery Task Force to ensure a coordinated and compassionate response to the devastating socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on county residents. The Task Force specifically highlighted the need for housing for frontline workers fighting COVID-19. The five-member Ulster County Housing Development Corporation members include Hayes Clement, Dave Donaldson, Dennis Doyle, Ken Ronk and Evelyn Wright.

SC Soil and Water Annual Trout Stocking Program

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church ROAST BEEF DINNER

September 12, 2020 Saturday

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

TAKE OUT ONLY \$13.00

Grahamsville Reforemd Church Hall Grounds

Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

Ulster County Announces Gym Reopening Plan Ulster County Executive Ryan shares protocols and procedures to help local gyms and fitness centers reopen safely and quickly

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced during his Facebook live the County's Gym Reopening Plan to help local fitness centers get back into business as quickly and safely as possible. The news comes one day after Governor Cuomo announced that gyms throughout New York State will be allowed to open again as soon as August 24, but no later than September 2. The plan is a collaboration between the Ulster County Executive's Office, the Health Department, and the Office of Economic Development. Members of the team will work hand-in-hand with local gyms to help them interpret the New York State guidance. The plan will ensure all gyms wishing to reopen can schedule their inspection with the Ulster County Health Department. In accordance with NYS guidelines, Ulster County gyms will be limited to a third of their total capacity, and people will be required to wear masks at all times.

"We are committed to working with gyms and fitness centers to ensure a safe environment for residents," County Executive Ryan said. "Our team is prepared to provide support for our local gyms to make sure they can open safely and quickly while providing a healthy and productive experience for those who wish to utilize their facilities."

"MAC Fitness appreciates and wants to thank County Executive Pat Ryan and his administration for working with us to help us open as quickly and safely as possible," Holly Snow, owner of MAC Fitness in Kingston said. "The plan will help ensure safe operations while enabling us to fully operate under new State guidance. All of us at MAC Fitness know how important it is to bring back some normalcy in this trying time for all of our friends and neighbors, and we look forward to seeing all of our members in the days ahead."

"We applaud County Executive Pat Ryan's Task Force, which will work to allow gyms and fitness centers to re-open as soon as next week," Ward Todd, President of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce said. "For our many chamber members who operate physical fitness facilities, this is very welcome news. While we understand the past five months have been extremely difficult for them, we also know that their members are eager to return to resuming their fitness routines. This is one more huge step forward for our local small business economy."

"We are tremendously grateful to Pat Ryan and his team for their aggressive approach to helping Ulster businesses reopen. The plan he has created, shows a real level of concern and a get it done attitude that is much needed from all our government agencies!" Mike Arteaga of Mike Artega's Health and Fitness Centers in Highland said.

Fitness center owners may contact the Ulster County Recovery Response Service Center at 845-443-888 or email RSC@co.ulster.ny.us with any questions and visit here for more information. To schedule your inspection, please click here.

The following New York State guidelines listed below must be in place.

Guidance for Gyms and Fitness Centers

• Capacity: 33% occupancy limit.

• Access: Sign-in with contact information and health screen ing required.

- Appropriate face coverings required at all times.
- Distancing: 6 feet of separation at all times.

• Hygiene/Cleaning: Cleaning and disinfection supplies made available to customers; shared equipment cleaned after every use; staff must also be available to clean and disinfect equipment in between uses; rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between customer use.

• Classes: By appointment/reservation only; maximum class capacity capped at number of people that can adhere to the 6-feet social distancing rules, but in no case more than 33% of the typical class size (i.e., leave stations, cycles, etc. vacant); classes should be scheduled to allow additional time for cleaning and disinfection in between each session.

• Amenities: Water bottle refill stations permitted, but not shared water fountains; communal showers are closed, but individual showers/stalls can remain open so long as they are cleaned in between use.

• Air Handling Systems: Gyms should operate at MERV-13 or greater; if they are unable to operate at that level, they must have heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) professional document their inability to do so and adopt additional ventilation and mitigation protocols from American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Sen. Jen Metzger on New Law Requiring All Back Seat Passengers to Wear Seat Belts in Vehicles

"Requiring rear seat belts in cars is not a question of personal liberty, it's a common sense question of public safety. For years we've required young people under 16 to buckle up in the back seat, and I'm so pleased to see a bill that finally recognizes that the lives of those 17 and older are just as valuable signed into law here in New York state. Much like wearing safety belts in the front seat has reduced vehicular fatalities, this law will undoubtedly save lives."

State Senator Jen Metzger is a co-sponsor and driving force behind bill S4336 requiring the wearing of seat belts by back seat passengers over age 16 in motor vehicles. The bill passed both houses earlier this year and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo last week.

Statement from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos on the Decision in the Case brought by Poly-Pak Industries, Inc., et al

The Court's decision is a victory and a vindication of New York State's efforts to end the scourge of single-use plastic bags and a direct rebuke to the plastic bag manufacturers who tried to stop our law. DEC encourages New Yorkers to transition to reusable bags whenever and wherever they shop and to use common-sense precautions to keep reusable bags clean.

Services' Ability To Provide Care To Older Adults And People With Disabilities

Senators Push For Increased Access To Essential PPE As Reports Emerge That Home Care And Hospice Caregivers Have Struggled To Obtain And Maintain Adequate Supplies

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand led a call on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure home health care and home- and community-based services (HCBS) have the critical resources needed to continue providing care to older adults and people with disabilities, two communities most vulnerable to COVID-19. The pandemic has made it difficult for older adults and people with disabilities to receive home health services and has placed a heavy burden on Medicaid home health agencies (HHAs) and HCBS providers that have struggled to adapt to telehealth services and acquire adequate PPE for inperson visits. In a letter, Senator Gillibrand, alongside her colleagues Senators Bob Casey (D-PA), Tina Smith (D-MN), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), urged HHS and CMS to ensure priority access and resources for PPE for home care and hospice workers and patient protection, to allow additional flexibilities in telehealth waivers for Medicare home health agencies (HHAs), to support Medicaid HHAs and HCBS agencies and their essential workers through CARES Act funding, and to provide states with additional flexibilities to use Medicaid funds for HCBS providers.

"We are writing because the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected the ability of older adults and people with disabilities to receive post-acute home health care and home- and community-based services (HCBS)," wrote the senators. "This includes access to care and to the essential workforce, the safety and protection of patients and the operational viability of the agencies that provide these important services."

The senators continued, "Across states, home care and hospice personnel have struggled to obtain and maintain adequate supplies of PPE. In some jurisdictions, home care and hospice were not even recognized by emergency management and public health authorities as essential care settings where PPE was vital for care access, health safety and protection. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and in the face of future emergencies, HHS and CMS must establish home care and hospice essential personnel status for PPE and other prioritization in emergency response, and direct state and local public health jurisdictions to follow."

The letter is supported by leading home health care providers and older adult and disability advocates including Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY), American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), and Home Care Association of New York State (HCA-NYS).

"HCA applauds and appreciates Senator Gillibrand's efforts to champion critical COVID-19 funding, personal protective equipment supply access, and broader in-home telehealth permissions best suited to patient-specific clinical needs in home care, especially during the pandemic," said Home Care Association of New York State (HCA) President Al Cardillo. "These are urgent necessities for achieving continuous health monitoring of vulnerable patients at home while ensuring vital worker and patient safety in the home care setting. Senator Gillibrand's efforts are of extraordinary importance to our services."

"Since the pandemic began in March, the Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) has provided home health care to over 2,600 COVID+ patients," said VNSNY President and CEO Marki Flannery. "But to keep our frontline staff safe and our homebound patients healthy, we must have appropriate policies and financial support. That means reimbursing home health providers for vital services delivered through telehealth, sufficient Medicare and Medicaid funding for care in the home, and priority access to personal protective equipment."

Gym Reopenings Are Under Sullivan County's Authority

Liberty, NY - Per New York State's directive, Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek has asked Public Health Services to undertake inspections to enable gyms to re-open in compliance with the Governor's requirements.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has stated that effective August 24, but no later than September 2, gyms can re-open across the State under the below circumstances. Gyms include standalones, hotel gyms, residential gyms, office gyms and fitness centers, gyms at higher education institutions, yoga/Pilates/barre studios, boxing/kickboxing gyms, fitness boot camps, CrossFit or other plyometric boxes, and other group fitness classes. Further guidance is available at https://forward.ny.gov/phase-four-industries (scroll down to "Gyms and Fitness Centers").

"I take this new role very seriously, as the future of these businesses is hanging in the balance," said Potosek. "Assuming they have met the reopening guidance, and in coordination with our Public Health Services office, I intend to give the needed signoff to allow every gym in Sullivan County to open at the earliest date possible. They have waited long enough, and I will not stand in the way of any business that is able and eligible to reopen."

All gyms in Sullivan County should call Public Health Services at 292-5910 x 0 with the following information

a. Legal name, address and phone number of gym.

b. Town or Village where gym is located. This will enable inspections to be better coordinated.

c. Owner(s) of gym.

d. Name of responsible person at gym. This is the person or persons who will be responsible for ensuring ongoing compliance with the Governor's requirements.

e. Plan to comply with the Governor's requirements.

f. List of any health-related, pandemic response improvements the gym has made in 2020.

g. Posted occupancy limit of gyms (prior to the reduction to 33%).

h. Whether the gym offers indoor classes. Under Governor Cuomo's rule, counties must approve the offering of indoor classes.

i. Hours of operation when the gyms are available for inspection (must be between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, weekends optional) through September 7.

Gyms must also file with the State the "Read and Affirm Detailed Guidelines" available at https://forward.ny.gov/phase-four-industries (scroll down to "Gyms and Fitness Centers").

Public Health Services has formed a team, including access to resources from Code Enforcement officials, who will be able to meet with gym owners and go over the checklist and NY Forward Guidance to ensure all areas are in compliance for safe reopening. Successful completion of the checklist will result in the issuance of a certificate of inspection to the business owner.

"We look forward to working with gym owners to ensure a smooth and safe reopening process," said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw.

Business owners can call the above number or email questions to Gym_Inspections@co.sullivan.ny.us. Any calls or emails will be quickly returned.

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HONORING THE BROADWAY MUSICALS OF BOB FOSSE. SWEET CHARITY (1969 C - 148 m TV-PG Musical CC) DIRECTED BY BOB FOSSE, AND STAR-RING SHIRLEY MACLAINE, SAMMY DAVIS JR., RICARDO MONTALBAN, STUBBY KAYE. Sweet Charity (full title: Sweet Charity.

Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia @ 8:00 PM WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 02, 2020



Sweet Charity (full title: Sweet Charity: The Adventures of a Girl Who Wanted to Be Loved) is a 1969 American musica comedy-drama film directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse (in his feature directorial debut) written by Peter Stone, and featuring music by Cv Coleman and **Dorothy Fields.**

It stars Shirley MacLaine and features John M c M a r t i n, Sammy Davis Jr., Ricardo M o n t a l b á n, Chita Rivera, Paula Kelly and Stubby Kaye. Sweet Charity is



based on the 1966 stage musical of the same name.

Robert Louis Fosse – One of the very best in the business of the art of dance. Bob Fosse (June 23, 1927 – September 23, 1987). Mr. Fosse was an American dancer, musical-theatre choreographer, actor and theatre and film director. He directed and choreographed musical works on stage and screen, including the stage musicals *The Pajama Game* (choreography) in 1954 and *Chicago* in 1975 and the film *Cabaret* in 1972. (Contd. Pg. 33)



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Aurthur and Fosse, is a semi-autobiographical fantasy based on aspects of Fosse's life and career as a dancer, choreographer and director. The film was inspired by

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Fosse's



effort to edit his film Lenny while simultaneously staging the 1975 Broadway musical Chicago. It borrows its title from the Kander and Ebb tune "All That Jazz" in that production.



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Quiz:

- In the film "As Good As It Gets"
- 1. What place was the love affair in?
- 2. Who was the other man?

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