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## New Hope Community's 4th Annual Holiday Drive-Thru Dinner Serves Up 400 Meals and Holiday Cheer for Local Families



*Santa and his elves distribute a holiday meal and treats.*

(LOCK SHELDRAKE, NY - December 21, 2021): New Hope Community, in Loch Sheldrake, NY, reached out to spread holiday cheer and assist 100 families recently at its 4th Annual Drive-Thru Holiday Dinner. New Hope Community's main building on its campus was transformed on Dec. 14th as 400 meals were distributed, with help from Santa and his elves, to carloads of local families.

As families arrived, they were welcomed by cheerful New Hope Community staff and event volunteers - some of whom have intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Each carload received complete dinners along with candy canes and reindeer food that was made by the men and women of New Hope Community. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Ring in the New Year with Folk Tunes! To Be Held January 2 in Hurleyville

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Historical Society will host an afternoon of live music to celebrate the New Year (and the end of 2021) on Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 2-4 p.m.

Special guests will be the Orange County duo of Anne and Mike Baglione. Their music, a mix of Americana, folk and bluegrass, has been described as like a cozy fire in winter - warm, humble and inviting. Both Anne and Mike are multi-instrumentalists, so be prepared to hear a lively mix of guitars, mandolins, accordions and banjos!

The Historical Society will be serving hot chocolate (and whipped cream) to go along with the music. As always, Little Sparrow will host the concert. Please come and enjoy a heart-felt performance by two friendly, entertaining musicians.

The event is free, but the Historical Society will be accepting donations to benefit its upcoming music programs. The Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. Face masks will be required.

For more information, visit our <https://www.facebook.com/scnyhistory> or call 845 434-8044. The Sullivan County Historical Society's website is at [www.sullivancountyhistory.org](http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org).



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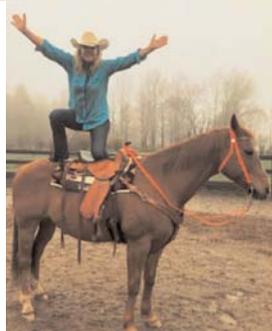
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**OBITUARIES**

**Jeanne Kern** was born on May 3, 1951 in Queens, NY to Eddie Pepper and Joan Fujix Pepper. She moved up to the Catskills at age 12 with her family to the Haywire Ranch in Woodbourne, NY. Jeanne and Gary were married for 39 years and lived at "Kerns Quarters" in the Town of Neversink.



Jeanne was an active and energetic person who loved the outdoors. Her reason for getting up each and every day was the love of her children and her grandkids. They were everything to her. Jeanne rode horses with them, snowmobiled, and went ATVing and loved every minute of her time with them all.

Jeanne worked side by side for many years with her husband, Gary, at Yits Auto Body before she pursued her own dreams and started her own horse business. Gary and Jeanne have always been a team since the day they met. A quote from Jeanne, "Gary, you are my partner, my love, my savior...thank you for always letting me be me and pursue my dreams and for taking care of me all of these years. It was not easy taking care of a diabetic for 49 plus years. Most of all, thank you for being the best Dad and Papa to the kids and for never giving up on any of us. Thank you most of all for being my Cowboy and for riding thousands of miles by my side. We have some great horses. Snuggle with my dogs and hug my horses. They are some sweethearts!! I will love you forever and forever, we have had a great ride with NO regrets." "Cowgirl up!"

Jeanne lived her whole life as a Cowgirl. Not only did she spend her life from when she could walk with a horse, but she started her own business when she turned 58 training horses and riders to ride and be with horses. Jeanne truly lived the Cowgirl Way: honest, true, hardworking, respectful, and giving. We can all remember Jeanne being a secret Santa and giving Christmas cards to people at Shoprite with money inside, choosing a family for Christmas and shopping to make sure they had gifts under their tree. If someone was having a bad day at the grocery store she would

give them money to go out to lunch. Jeanne mentored many young girls and taught them to ride. This was something Jeanne loved and took very seriously. Jeanne's mission was to expose anyone she met to horses. Everyone rode Jeanne's horses; like Jeanne, those horses were honest and kind. Jeanne had a gift with horses and just could bring out the best in them.

Jeanne leaves behind her beloved husband, Gary Kern; her children, Travis (Diana) Hartman, Lacey Hartman (Greg Willmott), Danny Kern (Kristen Fiandra), and Matthew (Anna) Kern; her grandchildren, Andrew Hartman, Austin Hartman, Aidan Lautenschlager, Emily Lautenschlager, Andrew Fiandra, Taylor Fiandra, Betty Kern, and Elsa Kern. She was predeceased by her parents, Joan Pepper Cauthers and Edward James Pepper, her sister Suzanne Pepper Worrell, her nephew Matthew D. Kern, and her stepfather, Herbert Cauthers.

A visitation took place on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY. A funeral service was held on December 23, 2021 at the funeral home.

Donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to the Sullivan County SPCA, 104 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY 12775, or to St. Jude, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at [www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com).

**DAYS OF YORE....****Today's History****December 1947**

The last of the 18 caissons at the Neversink project have now been sunk. The West core wall, started last spring, has been completed and work started on the East core wall, which may be finished by next December. The West core wall is 1,000 feet long. The East core wall where the valley rises more abruptly will cross the valley for a distance of 2,500 feet. One reason the site was chosen was because the bed rock is so near the surface. As a result, each core wall can be keyed into the rock with very little difficulty.

A private road will be built across the top of the Neversink Dam when it is completed. From the roadway to the point where the deepest caisson is sunk will be about 330 feet.

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

(From Pg. 2) The dam is about half a mile below what used to be the village of Neversink. Buildings in the hamlet were torn down before the war. Neversink is the highest of the three reservoirs, the elevation at the maximum water level being 1440 feet above sea level.

### December 1957

William Rose, former president of the defunct Home National Bank of Ellenville, was sentenced in District Court to five years imprisonment for misappropriation of the bank's funds.

A 15 percent tax on admissions to the Monticello Raceway, which is expected to begin operation in late June 1958 was contained in a local law adopted by the County Supervisors.

The Lows Corners Cannonsville Outlet is in over 3,500 feet. The work on the bridge is progressing. A large sewer disposal plant is being built on the lower side of the road. It looks like a large building.

The standing room only sign was on display last Thursday when close to 800 people attended the Christmas Concert at the school.

James Moreno was accidentally injured by the explosion of a homemade bomb in his hand last Wednesday afternoon. He is a member of the senior class and a major in science.

The flood waters on Friday and early Saturday did damage amounting to thousands of dollars in this vicinity. Roads and shoulders were washed out in many sections along the Sundown Road near Eck's. The Rondout gorged out a section of the new retaining wall on the county road. Rising waters interfered with the West Delaware Tunnel Project at many points causing power failures.

### December 26, 1967

Miss Addie Reynolds of Grahamsville died in Ellenville early Wednesday morning, December 24, 1947. Miss Reynolds was the daughter of John and Harriet Reynolds. John, the father, was born in 1818 and was associated with Hammond in the tannery business in Claryville. In 1857 the family moved to Grahamsville where John Reynolds purchased the Judge Hammond property consisting of the house, tannery, general store and other buildings. It was in this Reynold's house that Miss Addie lived practically all of her 86 years.

District Attorney Ben Newberg confirmed reports that the grand jury had launched an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a construction accident in which three men were killed at Neversink on November 29th. Mr. Newberg said that the investigation had been undertaken at the request of the families of the three victims: Albert Kortright of Neversink, Werner Gillas of Greenville and Lee Bridges of Kingston. The three men, all employed on the NYC aqueduct project at Neversink, plunged to their deaths in the collapse of a fifty foot form into which they had been pouring concrete.

The Tri-Valley School was closed on Monday and will not reopen until January 8th due to excessive illness. All public events have been postponed.

### December 1977

Excerpts from a letter to Santa from Tom Higgins, past *Townsmen* reporter:

For the folks who live on the top of Red Hill, a helicopter and pilot to get them up and down during the winter months.

For Ann Higgins, a year's supply of Higgin's India ink.

For each member of the United Life Church, a possible pulpit for their leader; to Cardinal McLain of Liberty a blessing from the Pope

For the Grahamsville and Neversink First Aid Squads, a pack-of band aids and a huge thank you from their citizens.

Fore each of the school bus drivers - ear plugs.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

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

## Blue Jays are Here to Stay

The Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) a large, crested songbird native to North America with bright blue coloration is one of the many birds that remain with us during winter in the Catskills. Blue jays are beautiful, intelligent and highly aggressive birds that live in small flocks, and are highly protective of their nesting site. They will form groups and 'mob' much larger birds in order to fight them off. Blue Jays can imitate calls of their predators, especially hawks, and may use these calls to test whether or not these predators are in the area. Blue jays are prey to hawks, eagles and other raptors.



Blue jays are large for songbirds, typically measuring between 9 and 12 inches long, and weighing between 2.5 and 3.5 ounces. Distinguishing characteristics of the blue jay include the pronounced blue crest on its head, which the blue jay may lower and raise depending on its mood. The crest will bristle outward when the bird is aggressive or frightened. Blue jays sport colorful blue plumage on their crest, wings, back and tail. Their face is typically white, and they have an off-white underbelly. They have a black-collared neck, and the black extends down the sides of their heads. Their bill, legs, and eyes are also all black. Their wings and tail are black and sky-blue, with white bars. Male and female blue jays are nearly identical.

Blue jays have very strong black bills, which can crack nuts and acorns. They will harvest acorns and store them in little holes in the ground. Once in a while they may forget where they left an acorn, and a new oak tree will be born! They like to eat corn, grains, berries, seeds, insects, and peanuts. Blue jays will often force smaller birds away from bird feeders, but will typically stay away from the feeders and wait their turn when other medium sized birds, like woodpeckers, are feeding. Blue jays will sometimes eat eggs and nestlings of other birds, but this is rare.

After a courtship in the air with its mate this year around mid-March to July, a nest will be built in a tree (either coniferous or deciduous) by both the male and female. Blue jays typically form monogamous pairs and stay together for life.

The nest resembles an open cup made of twigs, grass, weeds, bark strips, moss, sometimes held together with mud and built either in the verticle crotch of a tree trunk, or at a horizontal fork on a limb usually 8 to 30 feet above the ground. Nests are lined with rootlets and other fine materials, and are often decorated with paper, rags, string, or other debris.

The female will lay between 4-7 greenish or buff eggs. Sometimes the eggs are pale blue, spotted with brown and gray. Incubation is by both parents (but female does more), for about 16-18 days. Both parents bring food for nestlings. The young generally leave the nest 17-21 days after hatching. (Contd. Pg. 5)

## Household Hint:

### Make nail polish last longer

Your nail polish will have a longer life expectancy if you first dampen your nails with some vinegar on a cotton ball and let it dry before applying your favorite polish.

## New Hope Community's 4th Annual Holiday Drive-Thru Dinner Serves Up 400 Meals and Holiday Cheer for Local Families

(From Pg. 1) A seemingly endless line of cars wrapped around the building, but every family was greeted by Debbie McGinness, Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community, Tom Burnham, Executive Director of the NHC Foundation, and Dean,

Year-round, New Hope Community hosts food drives to help stock local food pantries and donates fresh organic produce grown at Hope Farm to local nutrition programs. The not-for-profit human services organization is also proud to support civic groups, including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Federation for the Homeless, Sullivan County Head Start, Liberty Rotary Club, Monticello Rotary Club, Village of Monticello Police Department and several first responder agencies that make a difference in the lives of area residents.

### About New Hope Community



*New Hope Community CEO Debbie McGinness presents Fallsburg Police Officer Asprea with a holiday donation to the PBA*

a resident at New Hope Community, who all shared holiday wishes, and handed out \$25 ShopRite gift cards, courtesy of the NHC Foundation.

"This has been an especially challenging year for many families and the expressions of gratitude we received were beyond heartwarming," McGinness said. "It was wonderful for us to be able to lift up so many of our neighbors, especially during the holidays when expressions of caring and giving are so important!"

"We want to thank the wonderful volunteers and generous businesses who helped make this meal possible," she added. Donors included: ShopRite, Sam's Club, Adams Fairacre Farms, Red Lobster, Hannaford, Texas Roadhouse, Jenkins-Lueken Orchards, and Frito Lay.

At the event, New Hope Community also presented a holiday donation to the Fallsburg Police Benevolent Association to support its community outreach efforts.

Recently, NHC staff "adopted" 72 children from Sullivan County Head Start, in Woodbourne, NY, for the holidays and fulfilled their wish lists with wrapped toys for the youngsters.



*A total of 400 holiday meals were distributed by New Hope Community to 100 local families*

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope

Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 700 people and employ more than 1,000 staff.



## We Are All The Same In The Dark

### Mysterious Book Report No. 414

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

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

*We Are All The Same In The Dark*, (Ballentine Books, \$27.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-62167-6), begins with the discovery of a nameless, wounded and mute young girl. Missing her left eye and severely dehydrated, she's found lying in a pasture alongside a busy highway on a blazing hot Texas afternoon . . . surrounded by dandelions she's picked and placed as a talisman to protect her.

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

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

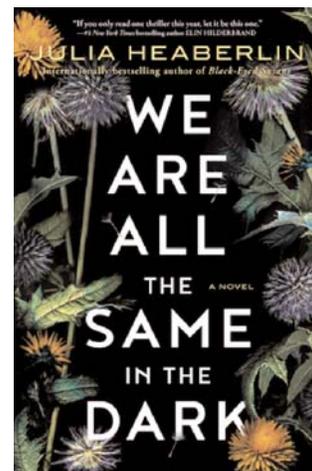
But the tale becomes more complex and intriguing with each chapter, as the plot layers are exposed and the secrets of small town life . . . where everyone knows, is genetically linked to, or has had an intimate relationship with everyone else . . . come to light, one by one.

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

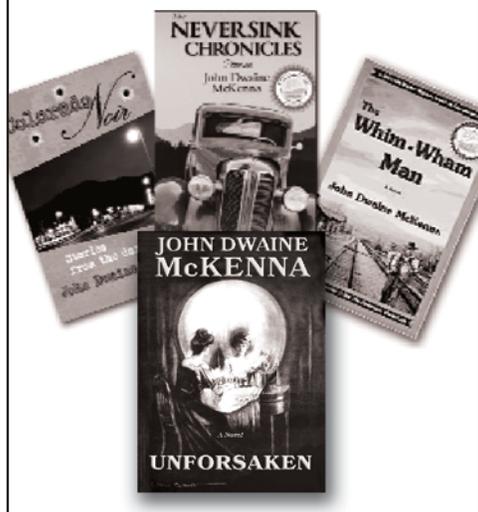
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## Nature Column - Blue Jays are Here to Stay

(From Pg. 3)

Some blue jays remain as permanent residents others will form into flocks ranging between 5 and 250 and migrate southwards before winter. Much of the blue jay migratory behavior remains a mystery - some blue jays may migrate one year, then stay in their home range the next, then migrate another year.

One theory is that blue jays may migrate if their winter food sources become scarce, or if weather conditions are harsh. It has been found that younger blue jays are more likely to migrate than adults. One theory is that the jays who most likely survive to older age are those that don't migrate as frequently.

It sounds like the Blue Jay sitting up in the oak tree in our back yard may not be a good prognosticator of what the winter ahead will be like! He just might be one of those old wise birds who likes his home in the Catskills!

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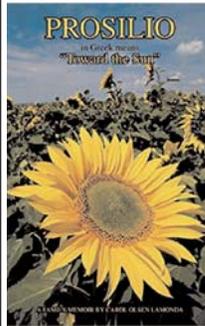
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**Statement from Gov Kathy Hochul on CDC Isolation Guidance**

"As we battle this winter surge, we will keep following the data and science-based public health policies to protect New Yorkers. "That's why on Friday I announced guidance to shorten the isolation window for our critical workforce from 10 to 5 days, and I want to thank the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for now updating its guidance to shorten the recommended time for isolation from 10 to 5 days for everyone who is asymptomatic, as long as they wear a well-fitting mask. "This is a critical step to support our small businesses, critical industries, and essential services as we get through this new variant."

**AG James Issues Warning to Labworq to Stop Misrepresenting Turnaround Times for COVID-19 Test Results**

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a warning letter to Labworq LLC - which has dozens of testing sites across Manhattan and other boroughs - after learning that some consumers have been waiting over 120 hours, or over five days, for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) test results, even though the company advertises that consumers can expect results within 24 hours. The letter notifies Labworq that New York law prohibits false advertising and instructs the company to immediately update its signage at testing sites and on the company's website to accurately reflect how long individuals can expect to wait before receiving COVID-19 test results.

"Once again, another company is failing to deliver on its promise to deliver 'quick, orderly results' for COVID-19 tests right in the middle of the holiday season and as New York hits its Omicron wave," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers need to be given realistic timetables of when to expect their COVID-19 test results so they can plan accordingly. Labworq must immediately update its signage, its website, and notify patients of the realistic timeline in which they will receive results. As we work to get Labworq to make these updates, I encourage all New Yorkers to budget extra time when waiting for test results."

Labworq's website boasts about the company's "efficient" and "reliable" process, as well how the company can deliver patients "quick, orderly results." In reality, however, the Office of the Attorney General has already received complaints detailing wait times longer than five days.

In addition to warning Labworq to update its website and signage and to instruct its employees to provide accurate information concerning turnaround times, the letter issued by Attorney General James requests that Labworq contact all of its customers who are currently awaiting COVID-19 test results to let them know when they can realistically expect to receive those results.

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Congresswoman Claudia Tenney joins a holiday tradition, “It was my honor to join the Vietnam Veterans of America as well as the Military Order of the Purple Heart last weekend to participate in Wreaths Across America. This is such a special holiday tradition, which is so deeply cherished by Americans across the United States and right here in upstate New York.”

“May we always remember the fallen and honor their sacrifice. It is also a reminder that the 22nd Congressional District is a community committed to celebrating service and home to generations of brave and honorable veterans. I look forward to continuing this tradition in the future.”



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## SC Treasurer's Office Helps make the Holidays Happy for the Homeless



The Sullivan County Treasurer's Office spent weeks collecting 25 bags and boxes of necessities like food, toiletries and clothes - all donated by employees, the Liberty Pet Ranch and Body, Mind, and Spirit Wellness Center. Yesterday, the team loaded up their vehicles and took these gifts over to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless to be distributed to all in need. The effort proved so successful that the Treasurer's Office is considering repeating it throughout the year, not just during the holidays.

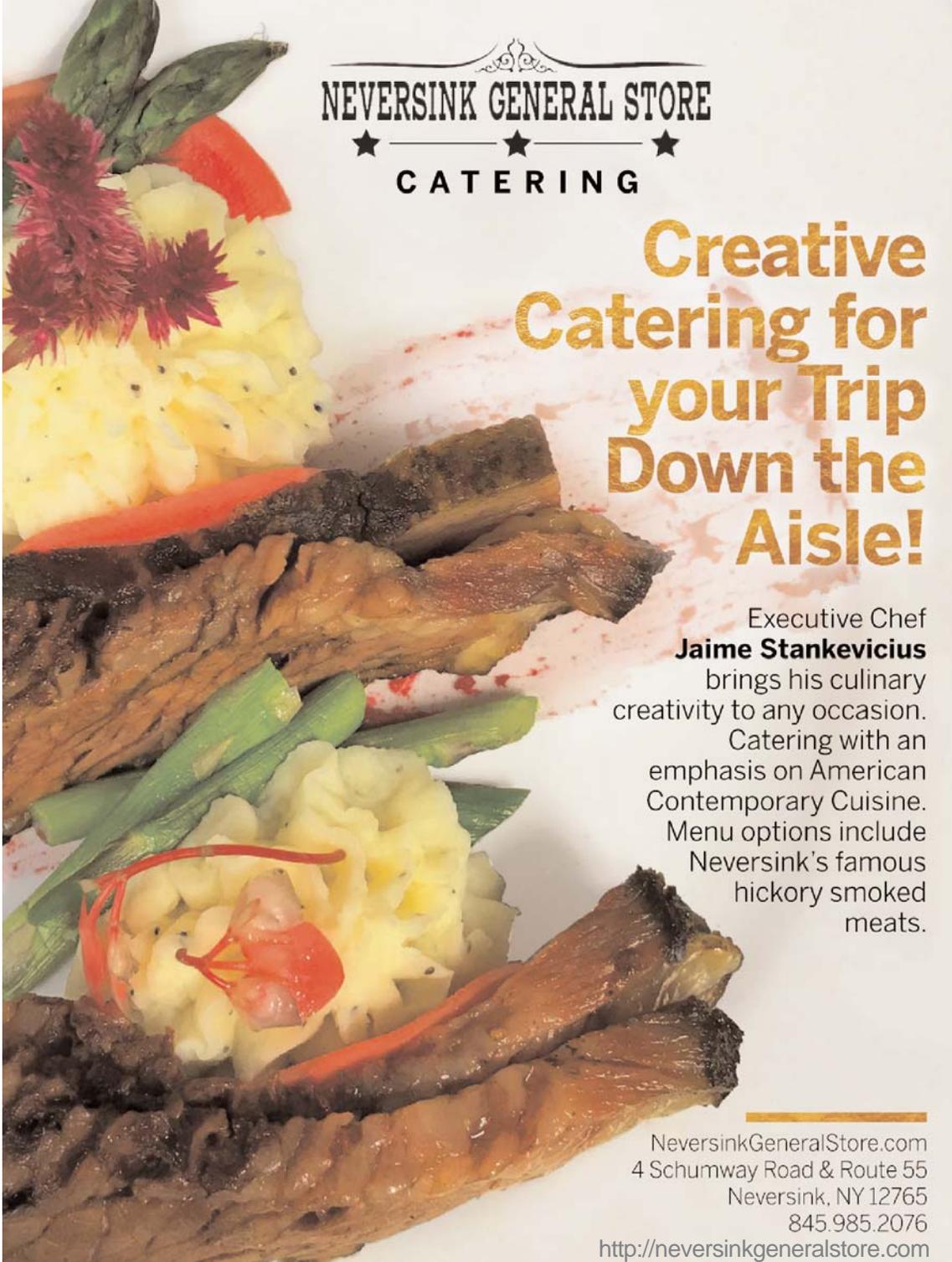
## It Only Gets Brighter from Here

The arrival of winter solstice last week ushered in longer days with the gradual return of sunlight. If like me, you find yourself saying, "Yes, but it's winter and it's cold," don't fret. There's plenty of ways to stay cozy and warm here in our Sullivan Catskills. Or if you're the hearty type well... you can have some unexpected winter fun!

Surprise your gang with a holiday escape. Grab a last-minute vacation rental at Red Cottage, Inc. Or how about this fun idea from one of our small inn - Book 2 consecutive nights at Nine River Road and receive all the fixings to make your own indoor fort and get a voucher for goodies at Spruce Home Goods. How unexpected! Don't forget our full-service accommodations. Check out Resorts World Catskills' Winner Wonderland package. At Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center you can choose from the All Inclusive or the Choose Your Own Stay Packages. Or try Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark where you can save 15% on a 1 Night stay, or 25% on 2 Nights or More. The sleepover options are plentiful.

Good eats are on the Catskill-icious menu this holiday season, too. And enjoy a complimentary screening of CHICAGO (PG-13) on a 16-foot screen in the state-of-the-art special events space! Seminary Hill Cidery has a new winter menu worth checking out in their tasting room, and the view -outstanding! North Branch Inn features a special pop-up in the Bar Room & Restaurant from December 27- 31 with guest chefs all week! Tavern on Main is serving up the "Jack and Jingle" all the way and other special holiday themed cocktails! Speaking of cocktails, all the vintners, distillers, brewers, and cider makers on our Good Taste Beverage Trail can't wait to see you!

Need a last-minute gift idea? Yo1CatskillsNY knows there's no one size fits all approach to health. Get 20% off on any gift card purchases this month. Over at The Chi Hive they have a host of healthy holiday gift ideas. Those are just some ideas. Our Main Street proprietors, and artisans all over -including Mountain Dale, Wurtsboro, Roscoe, Monticello, Narrowsburg, Liberty, Callicoon, Eldred, and Livingston Manor are loaded with gift ideas. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages to find that perfect something. If you're thinking ahead to New Year's Eve check out:



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o Seminary Hill's New Year's Eve Celebration. Reservations required for five course meal starting at 8pm.

o The Eldred Preserve's New Year's Eve Celebration on 12/31 from 9 pm to 2 am which is open to just 80 people!

For you outdoor adventurers- there's no snow on the ground yet, but our hiking trails are breathtakingly beautiful any time of year! Go easy or go hard. It's always your choice. And you can always head out on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail and see our 60 beautiful hand-painted doves, our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Arts Fair held here in our Sullivan Catskills.

Add to the holiday spirit when you tour Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. This 1.7-mile drive-through holiday light show brought to you in part by all of us at the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association runs through January 2.

Make your plans, book a stay, and pack your bags (facemasks, too). We're wearing ours and we'll greet you at the door -all the while adhering to our Catskills Confidence program to keep you and our neighbors safe and healthy.

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## Social Workers Distribute Warm Clothing at FCSD



For as far back as anyone can remember, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been distributing warm coats and other clothing during the very cold Catskill winters. With the support of the school nurses, administrators and social workers in both school buildings, families with special needs benefit from the donations of school staff, local service agencies such as Kiwanis and Elks, and, especially, from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office. The actual donations are handled by the Social Workers in both buildings.

*Left to right are BCES School Counselor Gayle Raskin, Social Workers Jillian Guerra, Nicolette Capocciamo, Kylee Cortes, and Francine LaDonna.*

## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

I thought for sure, that when I saw THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at CABERNET FRANK'S a few weeks ago that that would be the last live music I would see until maybe spring. (CoVid, y'know. Positive cases were hovering at 70+ a day back then.) And then came the invitation.



this livingroom, each picking a song to do with the others adding their instruments and voices. I was in heaven and so honored to be a part of it as the 'audience' (trust me, no one wants ME to sing. Ever. I know my limitations!)

I was treated to Bill's rendition of JIMMY DEAN'S 'JUST BUMMIN' AROUND', Instrumental standard 'BOIL THAT CABBAGE DOWN' with Lil leading on the fiddle (and no banjo), Carol's rendition of CHRIS STAPLETON'S 'TENNESSEE WHISKEY', Aldo's rendition of the BUCK OWEN'S 'TOGETHER AGAIN'. From Johnny and Bob, JOHNATHAN EDWARD'S 'TOMORROW'S GONNA COME' and DAVID ALLEN COE'S 'YOU



December 20th I was invited to what can only be described as a 'Musician's Luncheon' in a private home hosted by guitar man BILL GRIESBECK and the 'Lady with the Fiddle' LIL SCOLES. Two members of THE JOHNNY JULES BAND were there (JOHNNY and BOBBIE D), along with LITTLE SPARROW (ALDO TROIANI and CAROL SMITH). And OH the stories! About how they all first met. Gigs that didn't go so well. Places they played before I moved up here. Just so much fun to just sit and listen to.

The food was wonderful, a real feast. And that wasn't all. After lunch, came the music. Six uber talented musicians in a circle in



NEVER EVEN CALLED ME BY MY NAME'. And this is just a smattering of what I was treated to. For probably the first time ever, I really really enjoyed Country-ish music.

And of course, there was Christmas music: HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS, BLUE CHRISTMAS and about six others. What a great day!!



This last Sunday, as I walked in, I got a 'ping' on my messenger from CASWYN MOON about a preview of a new video by a band by the name of RUCKZUCK. When certain musicians say 'listen', I do. They were introduced as a 'trippy band (out of the Poconos) in Pennsylvania' and that's a pretty apt description of this trio (FAITH KELLY, MARK BEDO and NICK BEDO). The music is original but pays heavy tribute to the psychedelic bands of the 60s and 70s. This particular offering, MOONDRIP, has a definite JEFFERSON AIRPLANE/GRACIE SLICK feel to it. It's a good sound, awesome musicians and I'd like to hear more. Go to YouTube and type in RUCKZUCK and look for MOONDRIP then try to tell me I'm wrong.

And for those wondering about whether the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM Winter Music Series will take place this year, let me just say host LITTLE SPARROW is playing it by ear based on, what else, the CoVid numbers. At this writing, Sunday January 2nd is booked with ANNE and MIKE BAGLIONE from 2-4pm. The Historical Society and Museum is located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Admission is free and but please think about donating to the musicians. But please call ahead or check on FaceBook to make sure it didn't have to be cancelled.

In all the wonderfulness of these holidays, let's not lose sight of the more than 125 people a day testing positive here in this little County and be super careful.

Stay safe, stay well and double mask if you can.  
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## With Heating Prices Expected to Increase Nationwide this Winter, Gillibrand calls on HHS to Ensure NYS is Equipped to Keep Residents Safe During the Looming Energy Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. -U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined her colleagues in a bicameral letter urging the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address the ongoing energy crisis and ensure families that rely the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) have the resources needed to stay safe throughout the winter. The cost of home heating is expected to increase by 30% nationwide this winter for the nearly half of U.S. households that rely primarily on natural gas, a level not reached since 2014. In New York State alone, there are already more than 1.2 million households that collectively owe roughly \$1.7 billion in late energy bill payments. LIHEAP is a critical home heating assistance program that is vital to New York's most vulnerable seniors and families who depend on this money to offset the high cost of energy bills. However, the ongoing energy crisis means this lifeline program could lose much of its appropriated purchasing power due to volatile heating costs.

"The ongoing economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic has strained global energy markets still struggling with a surge in demand, supply shortages, and supply chain issues. For low-income families, these price increases are unsustainable and could force them to choose between heating their homes and paying for essentials like rent, food, and medicine," said Senator Gillibrand. "Today, New Yorkers hold approximately \$1.7 billion in energy bill debt alone. LIHEAP is a critical lifeline for seniors and low-income families in need of assistance to stay safe and warm, and I'm urging HHS to make sure our state is equipped to support New Yorkers during a challenging winter."

The average cost of home heating is unaffordable for millions of low-income households, costing over \$900 per year nationally. With prices surging worldwide for heating oil, natural gas, and other fuels, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is projecting even higher prices for home heating this winter. The EIA's Winter Fuels Outlook reports households nationwide could see their heating bills jump as much as 54% from last winter. The EIA also projects that Northeast customers who use natural gas will see their bills rise to \$865, up from \$731 last year. New Yorkers can spend more than \$3,000 a year on energy bills alone - for low-income New Yorkers, that can amount to more than 10% of their income on energy. Robust and early LIHEAP funding is a crucial lifeline that will help meet the demand of rising utility costs and help financially strained households pay their energy bills and stay safe throughout the winter.

Senator Gillibrand has consistently fought to ensure New Yorkers can afford their utilities. In October, the start of heating season for many states, Gillibrand urged HHS to distribute LIHEAP funding quickly and at the highest level possible. When millions of workers were laid off at the onset of the pandemic, Senator Gillibrand fought alongside her colleagues to deliver \$900 million in LIHEAP funding in the CARES Act and an additional \$4.5 billion in supplemental funding to the program as part of the American Rescue Plan. Earlier this year, Gillibrand made stops across New York State - including in Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, and Albany - in her fight for robust LIHEAP funding in the COVID-19 relief package. Gillibrand also successfully pushed the Trump administration to immediately release the emergency funding and send a vital lifeline to New Yorkers.

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**Download the Shop Small Sullivan Holiday 2021 flyer by clicking on this link:**

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**Happy Holidays from The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce!**

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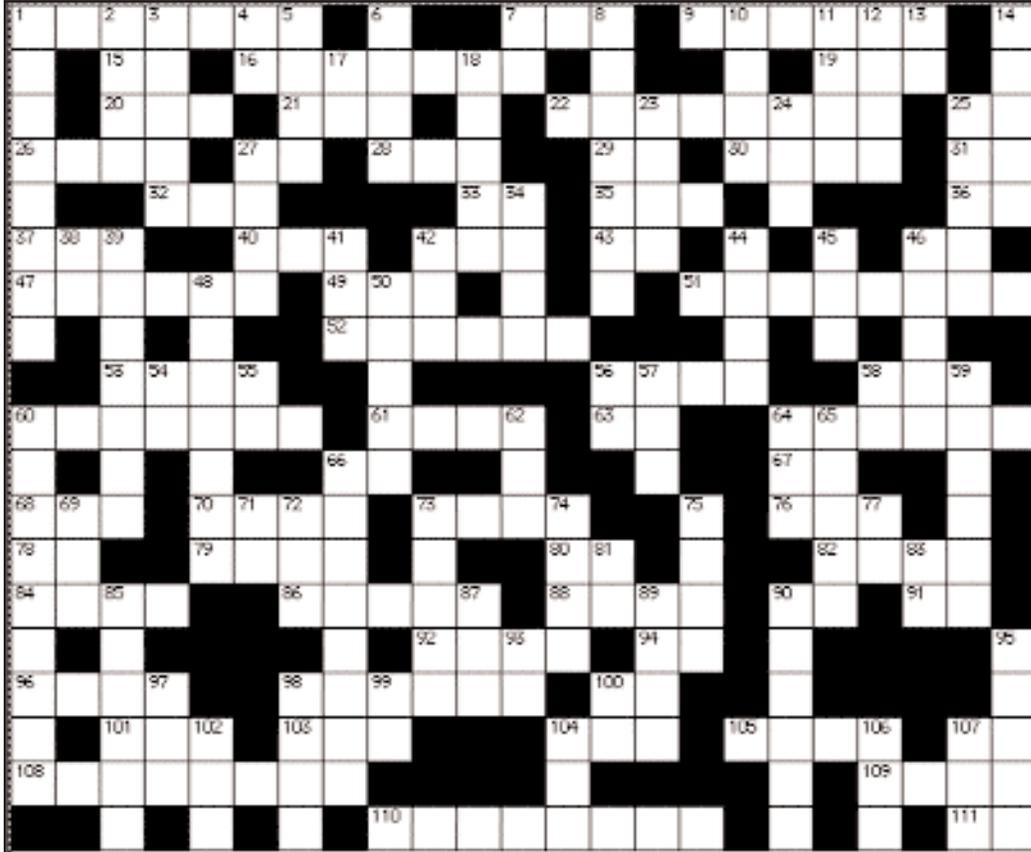
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| 7 Short for goodbye                                      | 35 Lowest cardinal number                        | 63 Elevated railway                    | 96 Swiss Mountains   | 2 Occasion                           | 39 Brass musical instrument   |
| 9 Last   | 36 Radio-telegraphy                              | 64 Concerning people as a whole        | 98 Procedure   | 3 River that flows through Germany   | 41 Capture  |
| 15 Exclamation of surprise                               | 37 Used with a verb to form a negative statement | 66 Exclamation of triumph              | 100 Language   | 4 Source language                    | 42 Performance enhancing drugs                                      |
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**Hearty Crock Pot Beef Stew**

- 1 pound cubed beef stew meat
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 1 stalk celery, sliced
- 2 potatoes, cubed
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, quartered
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 bay leaf

Place beef stew meat into a slow cooker. In a small bowl, mix together flour, paprika, salt, and pepper; sprinkle over beef stew meat, stirring to coat. Stir in beef broth, onion, carrots, celery, potatoes, mushrooms, garlic and bay leaf. Cover, and cook on Low 6 hours, stirring occasionally.

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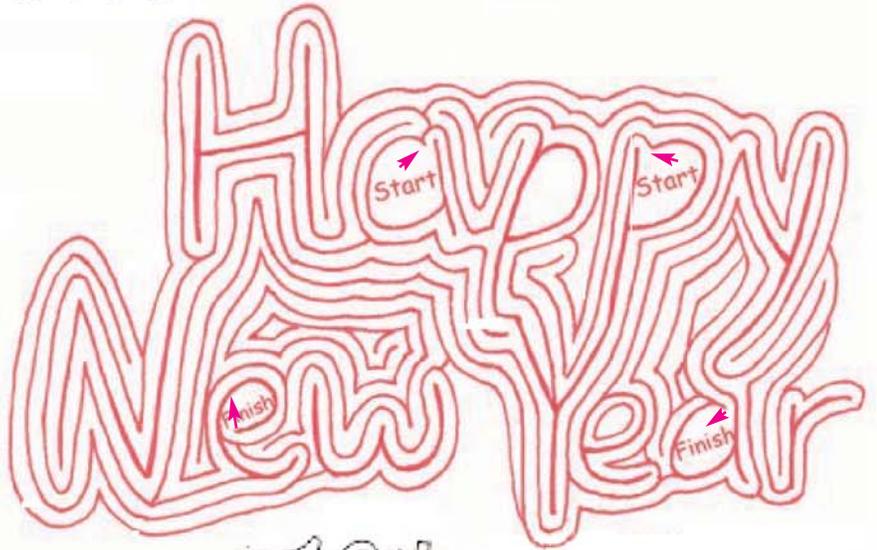
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## Kids' Holiday Fun Page

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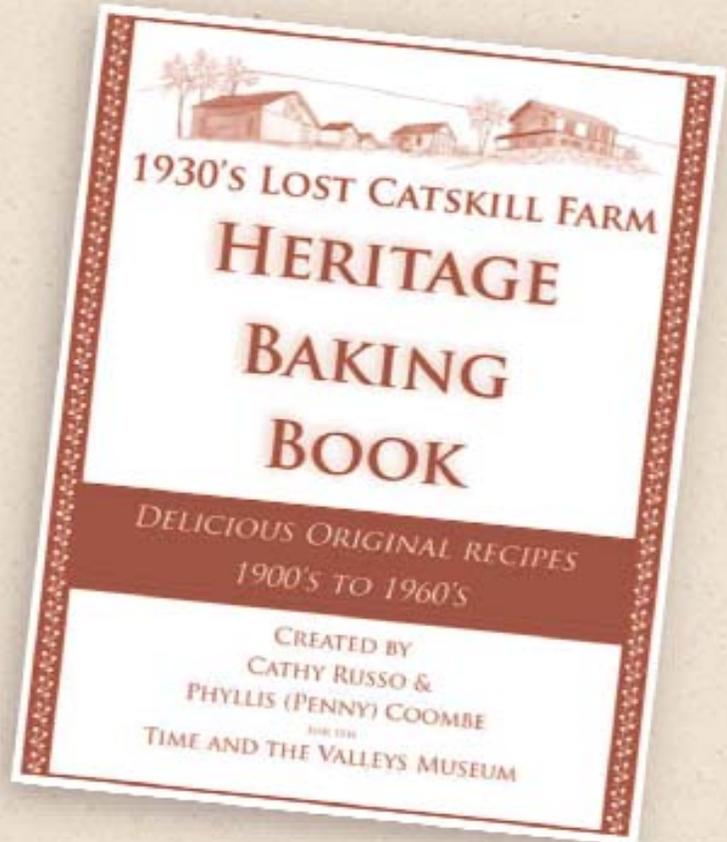
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## Fallsburg CSD Board of Education January Meetings

January 5, 2022  
January 19, 2022

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Regular Meeting #13 - **Thursday, January 6, 2022**  
Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library  
Lower Level

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session -  
6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library Upper Level  
Regular Meeting resumes - approximately 7:00 p.m.  
- Secondary School Library Lower Level

Regular Meeting #14 -

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

Call to Order - 6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library  
Lower Level

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session -  
6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library Upper Level  
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The Town of Denning will hold its **Organizational Meeting** on Monday, **January 3rd, 2022** at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at **10 am**. No other business will be before the Board at this meeting.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow  
Town Clerk  
December 21st, 2021

### Please take notice:

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Re: –Widening Route 17 Won't Solve Problem “It would likely increase traffic Congestion” by Ramsey Adams  
*Times Herald Record* (Saturday, December 11, 2021, Page 13A

–What about building a short exit ramp from Route 17 South directly into Catskill Regional (Garnet) Hospital Parking Lot?

Dear Editor:

I read Ramsey Adam's (as Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper in Livingston Manor) article entitled “Widening Route 17 won't solve problems” (THR Saturday 12/11/21, pg. 13A), and although I generally disagree with your conclusion, you have revived a very important and sensitive medical issue for us northern Sullivan County residents.

How about an emergency exit ramp from Route 17 South directly up the slope into the Catskill Regional Hospital (Garnet) distant parking lot just below the Ambulance Emergency entrance? (They have since built an essential heliport along (but not disruptive) of that proposed exit route (you can clearly see it from the highway).

A Route 17 Southbound Exit direct into the hospital would save five (5) emergency, painful, excruciating minutes for an ambulances and cars and doctors rushing to the hospital.

As a former six (6) year member of the Grahamsville Fire Aid Squad and EMT, every Sullivan County squad wanted this exit ramp; a local architect actually drew up survey exit plans (which I still have). We would get contributions to build the exit. With the politics and Interstate 86, and our busy schedule, the plan lay dormant.

Are you or the Catskill Mountaineer interested in re-opening this “life saving” Sullivan County community project?

[Footnote: At present, the poorly designed Route 17 South Exit to the Catskill Regional Hospital (Garnet) is a long winding curve to old Route 17. Then Stop. Then right turn past large entrance to Route 17 North (onto Quickway away from the hospital - a catastrophic error) to the “unbalanced” intersection of old Route 17, right turn onto Harris Road, under Quickway underpass, and up a very curvy narrow 2-way road and past hospital lower parking lots up to Emergency Entrance, with a sick or injured person in your car or tied down in an ambulance.]

Respectfully,

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## Sullivan County Distributing Nearly 35,000 KN95 Masks

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley and Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Farney today announced that the County has received

34,500 KN95 masks from the State and is ready to distribute them.

“KN95 masks are far more effective than plain cloth masks at filtering out airborne particles, including the highly contagious omicron variant of COVID-19,” explained Farney. “We're making these masks avail-



able - for free - to any County resident who would like to have one.”

“We're distributing 4,000 to some of our local housing complexes, starting this week, and we welcome more complexes to give our Community Assistance Center a call (845-807-0925) if they would like masks for their residents,” Quigley stated. “For the general public, we'll have these masks ready for pickup tomorrow and continuing as long as supplies last. Hopefully it will make a significant dent in the skyrocketing rate of active coronavirus cases we've been experiencing.”

Any Sullivan County resident is welcome to come to the County's Transportation Building between 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29, to pick up masks for themselves and their families. The building is located near the County Airport at 401 County Route 183 (Airport Road), Swan Lake, NY.

The distribution will be a drive-thru event, with residents remaining in their vehicles. Identification showing Sullivan County residency will be required, and drivers should be wearing a mask when conversing with staff and volunteers.

A limited supply of KN95 masks will also be available at the Government Center during normal business hours. Inquire at the Sheriff's desk in the lobby. (Note that all County facilities will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 30 and remain closed Friday, December 31, reopening Monday, January 3, 2022.)

The State has indicated that more masks - and at-home test kits - will be delivered in the coming weeks.

## NYS Record Camping Reservations in 2021

Visitors embraced safe, healthy, and affordable outdoor recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic by booking reservations at DEC and State Parks campgrounds, and Governor Hochul announced a record-breaking number of stays in 2021. DEC overnight campground stays were up more than 10 percent from the previous record set in 2016.

DEC operates 52 campgrounds and five day-use areas in the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves that provide a wide variety of experiences and opportunities for all, including island camping, tent and trailer camping, boat launching facilities, hiking trails, and beach and picnic areas with tables and grills.

Under the Adventure NY initiative, DEC continues to make improvements at DEC campgrounds, including several for the 2021 season, to provide new showers and comfort stations, power and water systems, and equestrian-specific improvements at Frontier Town campground. Learn more and make a 2022 camping reservation. Visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8299.html>

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces CARES Grant Recipients –UC has awarded \$542,983 in funding to support 18 local small businesses

*County Executive Pat Ryan announces that there will be a second round of funding and encourages other local businesses to apply*

KINGSTON, N.Y.-Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that eighteen small businesses in Ulster County have been awarded a combined \$542,983 as part of the Ulster County CARES Small Business Assistance Program. Funding amounts ranged from \$10,600 to a maximum of \$35,000 and were awarded through the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance. A second round of funding announcements from this program are forthcoming in early 2022.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our Ulster County economy," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "As County Executive and as a former small business owner myself, I'm committed to providing the support that we know our local businesses need to pivot and grow in the continually-changing economic landscape of the COVID pandemic."

The funding comes from a \$1 million New York State Community Development Block Grant Program earmarked to provide direct financial assistance to Ulster County businesses. Funds were awarded after the Ulster County Office of Economic Development undertook the competitive application process on behalf of Ulster County, with the vision of providing funding to financially-challenged businesses.

"The essence of Alleyway is uniquely Ulster County. Our dairy is sourced locally, as well as many of our ingredients," said Julian Hom, owner of Alleyway Ice Cream in Saugerties. "After facing the volatility of COVID-19, this infusion of funding is a huge win for a small business like mine."

"When I first came to Kerhonkson, I was initially attracted by the inherent beauty of Ulster County," said Lita Dwight, owner of brytlife foods. "But when I discovered that I was surrounded by like-minded neighbors who were passionate about the same things I was-healthy eating, the environment, and living in harmony with nature-I knew it would be the ideal location to start my plant-based cheese and yogurt company, brytlife foods, and I was right!"

"I'm thrilled to be able to expand my business," said Devon Francis, owner of Dimples in Midtown Kingston. "This award will make a huge difference in my day-to-day operations."

"We know that approximately 90% of Ulster County's small businesses have under 25 employees," said Tim Weidemann, Director of Economic Development, "We're grateful to the Office of Homes and Community Renewal for working with us to create a special program that seeks to meet the needs of these businesses."

Ulster County CARES Small Business Assistance Program Round One Funding Award Recipients:

o Alleyway Ice Cream in Saugerties; Black Eyed Susie's Upstate in Saugerties; Bodies by Colotti in Town of Ulster; Bondar Built in Kingston; brytlife foods in Kerhonkson; Chicory Naturalist in Port Ewen; Church des Artistes in Kingston; Dimples in Kingston; Edenesque in Kingston; Erichensen's Fuel Service Inc. in Highland; EscapeMaker.com Inc. in Saugerties; Loveleaf Cleaning, LLC in Lake Katrine; Prescriptive Health in Kerhonkson; Stone Soup in Kingston; Twin Ravens in Ellenville; Urban Fork in Kingston; Wholesale

in a Box in Kingston Woodland Playhouse, LLC in Phoenicia

To qualify for funding, businesses must have 25 or fewer employees, and must be either owned by a person of limited-income or employ a majority of individuals who meet limited-income thresholds.

For more information or to fill out a pre-application, please visit [ulstercountyny.gov/oed](http://ulstercountyny.gov/oed).

## Find Your Adventure - First Day Hikes, 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge and More! Join Us on a First Day Hike on New Year's Day

Picture a group of hikers standing in a field with hiking poles preparing to go on a hike. Come celebrate the new year outdoors with friends and family! Join one of the dozens of guided hikes held on public lands across the Empire State. Staff from DEC and State Parks, along with volunteers and partners at many sites, lead these family-friendly walks and hikes on Saturday January 1, which generally range from one to five miles depending on the location and conditions. Find a location near you and head out this New Year's Day! Go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112174.html>

### Take the 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

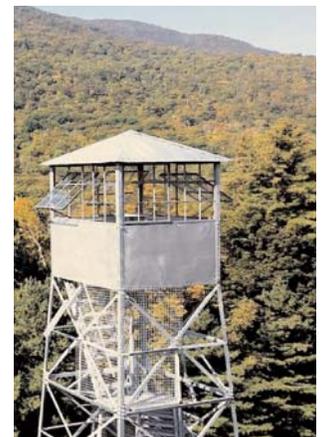
The 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge is live! The initial Challenge, launched in 2019, drew 878 finishers from every region of NY, 12 other states and Canada. Participants hiked over 21,000 miles in the Catskills.

To participate in the 2022 challenge, hikers must hike to all six DEC-owned fire towers in the Catskills between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022:

Hunter Mountain Fire Tower  
Tremper Mountain Fire Tower  
Upper Esopus Fire Tower  
(New!)

Overlook Mountain Fire Tower  
Red Hill Fire Tower  
Balsam Lake Mountain Fire  
Tower

Once completed, participants submit a log of their completed hikes along with a favorite photo to



[CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov](mailto:CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov) or via mail. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Finishers will receive a letter, commemorative patch designed with the 2022 completion year, and a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine. Upon completion, finishers will also be able to download a customizable certificate and will be eligible to win hiking accessories after the challenge period is closed.

Learn more by visiting DEC's website. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/76620.html>

## Over \$800,000 Coming from State for Rebuilding Bridge and Theater

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is set to receive over \$800,000 for two major restoration projects, thanks to State funding just announced through the CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) program.

"I look forward to partnering with the Town of Fallsburg and the Village of Monticello on initiatives that promise to greatly enhance their respective communities," Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg related. "I'm already grateful for their collaboration with our hardworking Planning team to ensure we won State backing for these transformative efforts."

A combination of \$750,000 in funding awarded to the Town of Fallsburg from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation will be leveraged with funds from other State, Federal, local and private sources to construct a bridge over the Neversink River. The "Neversink Crossing" project will connect two existing sections of Sullivan O&W Rail Trail to create a 13-mile route between Mountindale and Ferndale.



The Town is partnering with the County on this segment of what will one day be a 50+/-mile rail trail spanning nearly the entire width of Sullivan County from Mamakating to Rockland. Currently, Fallsburg is working on a piece of this project that will connect the Neversink crossing to downtown South Fallsburg, where the trail picks up the existing segment into Hurleyville.



Separately, \$54,690 from the State will go to the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation to develop a feasibility study

and operating plan to redevelop the Broadway Theater in the Village of Monticello. This landmark downtown theater has been an eyesore for over two decades. The project will pave the way to identify a developer and operator to renovate the theater into a community asset and contributing business for residents and visitors to enjoy.



"This is an exciting win that will literally get us 'across the river' and closer to the finish line," noted Legislator Ira Steingart, whose District 8 encompasses both the rail trail and theater properties. "My thanks to our Planning Division, the Town of Fallsburg, the Village of Monticello, Sullivan Renaissance, Granite Associates, Congressman Antonio Delgado, former NYS Senator Jen Metzger, current NYS Senator Mike Martucci and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for their support."

"I have long envisioned a bikeway over the Neversink River to connect the O&W Rail Trail from Mountindale to Hurleyville," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, long a champion of local trails. "This project will help to transform the segments of the O&W Rail Trail into a cohesive trail system that will become a regional recreational destination."

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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sales will reopen in the Spring**

**See you then**



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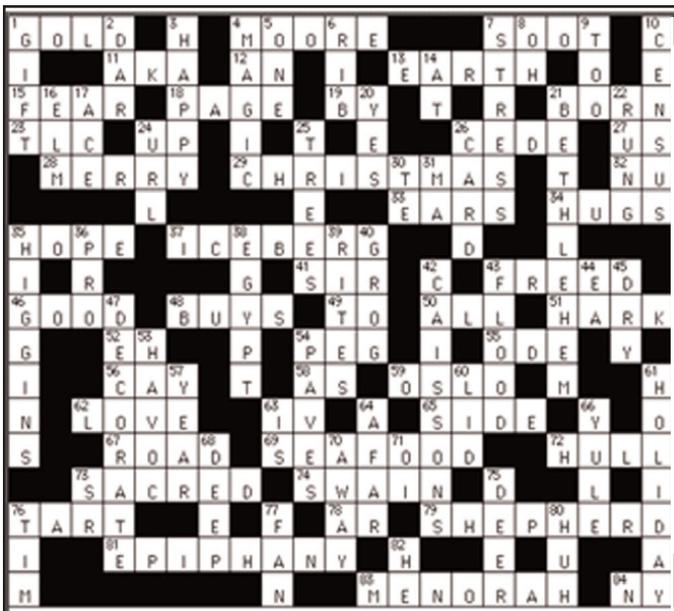
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Ans to last week's Crossword



## 2021 Town of Neversink Holiday Hours

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours: Christmas - close at noon on 12/23 and all day on 12/24. New Years - close at noon on 12/30 and all day on 12/31.

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on Christmas Day - Saturday 12/25. It will be OPEN on Monday 12/27 from 11 am to 7 pm. Wednesday's 12/29 hours will remain as usual.

**The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on New Year's Day - Saturday 01/01/2022. No additional hours will be added.**

Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

## Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The GUMC held their final 2021 Thrift Sale on November 6th. Even when we are closed we want the community to know that, by appointment, our Thrift items are always available to anyone in case of an emergency by calling 845-985-2283. Because of storage space we are **NOT ABLE** to receive items again until next spring. Please help us by storing your treasures at your house until then.

## COVID Announcement

Due to the recent spike in COVID cases in New York, ASK will be temporarily closing its galleries to the public. In anticipation of rising numbers at area hospitals, we are suspending in-person programming for the time being.

You can still view pieces (and purchase them!) from our December exhibitions: Under 30 and Small Works on our website at [www.askforarts.org](http://www.askforarts.org).

If you are looking for some entertainment online, our 2021 Telethon featuring dance, music, and comedy is available to watch at [www.askforarts.org/telethon](http://www.askforarts.org/telethon)! As we head into the winter, we recognize that members of our community are not food secure. ASK's Community Fridge at 97 Broadway will remain open 24/7 for donations and pick-up of food and pantry items. Give what you can, take what you need.

Best wishes and stay safe,  
The Staff and Board at ASK

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

Curbside Pickup

LIBRARY HOURS

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MONDAY - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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WEDNESDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from 9:00 am until a half hour before closing time.

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Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 12/30/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day - NEW YEARS  
 12/31/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - NEW YEARS DAY  
 1/5/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm  
 1/18/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

**To all Local Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.**

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2021** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events thru out the coming year. You may email them to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com) or USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

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

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

**December 27, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

**Monday, December 27**

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, via Webex by dialing 1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2631 390 2415, Password: 1234
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 880 2549 6095, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Tuesday, December 28**

- o No Meetings

**Wednesday, December 29**

- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 857 2166 9098, By Phone Dial: (929) 436-2866

**Thursday, December 30**

- o No Meetings

**Friday, December 31**

- o Holiday - County Offices Closed

Happy and Healthy Holidays to all,

**Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## SC Holiday Hunt

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County will be part of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) new Holiday Deer Hunt between December 26, 2021 and January 1, 2022.

Earlier this year, the Sullivan County Legislature unanimously agreed not to participate in the "Holiday Hunt," a recently-authorized late bow and muzzleloading season for deer, due to concerns that it would interfere with snowmobiling activities and small game hunting, would result in pregnant does being harvested, and would stress deer already tired from nearly three months of hunting.

However, the DEC informed the County this month that the State legislation allowing counties to opt out of the Holiday Hunt has not yet been passed, so all counties, including Sullivan, remain required to allow bow and muzzleloading hunting during that last week of this year.

For more information, visit the DEC's site at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/124388.html>.

## DEC Encourages Anglers to Safely Enjoy Ice Fishing this Winter – Review Ice Safety Guidelines before Heading Out

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged outdoor enthusiasts to consider ice fishing this winter season.

"Winter in New York provides outdoor adventurers with some of the very best opportunities to get outdoors, like ice fishing, when conditions are right," Commissioner Seggos said. "With proper preparedness and safe ice, anyone can enjoy the state's abundant ice fishing opportunities. Many fish species are still quite active during the hard water season, including perch, sunfish, lake trout, and northern pike, leaving something for every type of angler to get out on the ice."

Safety is essential during ice fishing season and anglers should make sure the ice is thick enough before venturing out. Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. Ice thickness can vary on waterbodies and even within the same waterbody. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice formation. Ice can easily be tested with an auger or spud bar at various spots. DEC also encourages anglers to fish with a family member or a friend for safety. In addition, local bait and tackle shops are great resources for learning where ice is safe and what other anglers are catching.

Anglers interested in trying ice fishing for the first time should mark the Feb. 19-20, 2022, weekend on their calendars. DEC has designated this weekend as a Free Fishing Weekend, which means the requirement for a fishing license is waived. Free fishing weekends are great opportunities to try fishing for the first time and for experienced anglers to introduce friends to the sport.

Beginning ice anglers are encouraged to download the Ice Fishing Chapter (PDF) of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners Guide to Freshwater Fishing for information on how to get started ice fishing. Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on DEC's ice fishing webpage. A new video for beginners interested in ice fishing are now available on DEC's YouTube channel.

## I Hope Everyone had a Wonderful Christmas – I am Still Waiting for Someone to Adopt Me

If you have ever considered adopting a dog, have you thought about the perks of adopting an older dog? Older dogs are already housebroken, don't chew up your furniture or slippers like a puppy and you will have a good clue as to what their personality is. Life is tough for all of us when you get older.



This senior Lab/Shepherd mix is presently calling the local dog pound home. It wasn't so bad when it was sunny and warm. Now, the nights are longer and the temperature has dropped. The nights at the dog pound are lonely and cold for this female dog who is the only guest at the pound. While the radio that the Dog Control Officer plays, does break the silence of the long cold nights, this poor lonely pooch is just waiting to lay by someone's feet, for a pat on the head, and to become someone's faithful companion.

Think about it. And... if you are not able to have a dog at this time, maybe you know someone who is.

If you want to make this senior female dog happy and warm why not call the Town of Neversink DCO at 845-985-7281 today and arrange to adopt her.

**See page 27 for further information.**

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The use of fish for bait is popular when ice fishing. Baitfish may be used in most, but not all, waters open to ice fishing. Anglers are encouraged to follow these steps when using baitfish while ice fishing:

Review and follow the DEC baitfish regulations (PDF) on page 79 of DEC's Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide;

Make sure the use of baitfish is permitted in the waterbody by checking the special regulations by county section (PDF) of the guide;

Use only certified disease-free baitfish purchased from a local tackle store (buyers should retain the receipt provided while in possession of the baitfish);

Use only personally collected baitfish from the same waterbody they were caught; and

Dump unused baitfish and water in an appropriate location on dry land.

DEC reminds anglers to have a valid fishing license before heading out on the ice. Fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

## Know Your Target and Beyond

On Dec. 13, ECO Walraven received a complaint of a possible Hunting Related Shooting Incident in the town of Wawarsing, Ulster County. The concerned complainant noticed a crossbow bolt sticking out of her metal roofing and suspected it came from a hunter. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries.



ECO Walraven canvassed the area for evidence, identified a suspect, and made an arrest. The suspect is facing misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment in the 2nd degree and discharging a crossbow within 250 feet of a dwelling, as well as a violation for failing to report deer harvest as required.

He was processed at the New York State Police Ellenville Barracks and released on his own recognizance.

## Forest Rangers in the Division of Forest Protection's Aviation Program Conducts Training at Minnewaska State Park Preserve

On Dec. 16, Forest Rangers in the Division of Forest Protection's Aviation Program from DEC Regions 3, 4, and 5 conducted a joint hoist training with New York State Police Aviation and Park Rangers from Minnewaska State Park Preserve.



*Rescue litter dangles over a field from a hovering helicopter during training*

and around helicopters. Flight operations were conducted for Forest Ranger Crew Chief proficiency and provide experience for DEC and Minnewaska Rangers who are expected to support future

rescue operations. Forest Rangers conducted 18 personnel hoists and four litter hoists.

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

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



*Rescue litter dangles over a field from a hovering helicopter during training*

## DEC Reminds Visitors to Leave No Trace on State Lands this Winter Love Our New York Lands by Responsibly Enjoying Winter Recreation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds visitors to practice Leave No Trace™ while recreating on State lands this winter. We all have a responsibility to protect State lands for future generations. Following the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace, set forth by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, is one way users are encouraged to Love Our NY Lands.

"Whether you're exploring the Adirondack or Catskill mountains, or enjoying your local trail, winter is an excellent time to get outdoors in New York," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "To protect public lands for future generations, remember to Love Our New York Lands by practicing the Leave No Trace™ Seven Principles and get outside safely and responsibly."

The Leave No Trace™ Seven Principles provide helpful guidance to reduce your impact on the environment and keep yourself and those around you safe.

Plan ahead and prepare. Proper planning is vital to ensure a safe winter adventure. Visitors should know their limits, set realistic goals, and choose an appropriate experience. Outdoor adventurers are encouraged to research trails and routes before setting out and contact DEC or other knowledgeable parties with questions.

Winter weather can change rapidly. Prepare for every occasion by bringing the 10 Hike Smart NY essentials, including food, water, navigation, warm layers, snowshoes and traction devices, a headlamp, first-aid kit, and matches or a lighter. Stay up to date with current weather reports and if the forecast calls for harsh conditions, consider rescheduling.

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## DEC Reminds Visitors to Leave No Trace on State Lands this Winter

(From Pg. 26)

Make a timeline, including a turnaround time, and stick to it. Visitors should leave their trip plans with a trusted friend or relative that will call for help if they don't return on time. For more tips on preparing for a safe outdoor winter experience, visit DEC's winter hiking safety page.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Travel on durable surfaces to help maintain the integrity of trails and limit damage to trailside vegetation. Snow is considered a durable surface once it is six inches deep. Snowshoes make walking in deep snow easier and help prevent postholing, the act of creating deep holes in the snow with bare boots. Use traction devices, such as crampons or microspikes, to travel safely across ice.

Properly dispose of waste. Visitors to State lands are asked to carry out what they carry in, including garbage, food scraps, broken gear, and pet waste. Dispose of trash in a designated can at the trailhead or at home. Go before you go and use toilets or outhouses whenever possible. Visitors should also be prepared to dig a cat hole or pack out poop where toilets aren't available.

Leave what you find. Leave trail signs and markers so others can find their way, and leave historic artifacts and natural features for others to enjoy. Please do not carve or graffiti rocks, trees, or backcountry structures.

Minimize campfire impacts. Visitors should use designated fireplaces whenever possible and only burn dead and downed wood. When finished with the fire, extinguish it completely. Never leave a fire unattended or build a fire inside a structure such as a lean to or tent.

Respect wildlife. Never follow, approach, or feed wildlife. Human food can harm wildlife and feeding wildlife can create bad habits that lead to unwanted human interaction and habituation.

Be considerate of other visitors. Help all visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience by following winter trail etiquette. Wear snowshoes or skis on snowy trails to avoid post-holing. Separate ski and snowshoe tracks when possible. Yield to downhill skiers and move to the side of the trail to let snowmobiles pass.

Snowmobile riders are reminded to slow down when passing pedestrians.

DEC's 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign was launched in response to the steady increase in the number of visitors to state lands, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the decade prior, as more and more New Yorkers and visitors from other states and countries discovered the natural beauty of New York State. For details and more information, visit the Love Our New York Lands page on DEC's website.

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Improve Healthcare Services

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a legislative package aimed toward improving healthcare services. Legislation S.2119/A.228 authorizes the collection of source plasma at source plasma donation centers. Legislation S.4377/A.6222 requires nursing homes to offer the translation of patients' rights into the most common non-English languages and mandates display of contact information for New York State's Long-term Ombudsman Program. Legislation S.3543/A.3050 relates to workforce development by requiring certain professionals to provide, and the State Education Department to collect, information about the practice of their professions.

"After the unprecedented strain the pandemic placed on our healthcare system, it is crucial that we take steps to ensure we are better prepared in the future," Governor Hochul said. "This legislation will allow New York to have a stronger response to future crises, and I am proud to sign these bills into law to expand access to healthcare and enhance services for all New Yorkers."

Legislation S.2119/A.228 authorizes the collection of source plasma at source plasma donation centers that comply with federal law, allowing for more centers to open statewide. Plasma is a vital resource in treating disease and this legislation expands access for donation.



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## Partner Profile: NYC Audubon

The New York State Birding Trail was launched in October to highlight birding opportunities across the state with the partnership of many organizations, including New York City Audubon. NYC Audubon is a grassroots non-profit that works for the protection of wild birds and habitat in the five boroughs, improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

NYC Audubon was essential in helping to develop and promote the launch and first section of the NYS Birding Trail by identifying birding sites in the New York City area, as well as providing key information on elements, and helping to ensure that the birding trail embraces equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. NYC Audubon offers many free and members-only events throughout the five boroughs, as well as many resources to get started with birding, including a birding by subway map. Thank you, NYC Audubon, for your partnership on this new initiative!

## Share the Snow this Holiday Season

Whether you are hiking, hunting, or enjoying other outdoor pursuits this holiday season, be sure to share the snow with your fellow outdoor enthusiasts. With millions of acres of publicly accessible land and trails in New York, there are plenty of opportunities to engage in these activities. As at any other time of year, it is important that recreationists are courteous to each other and respectful of the land they are sharing to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

New this year, hunters can participate in a late bow and muzzleloading season for deer from December 26 through January 1 in the Southern Zone. While small game hunting

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for grouse, rabbits, and hare has been a popular winter activity for decades, this new season provides an additional deer hunting opportunity when people may have time off from work or students are on a break from school.

Hunters pursuing deer with a firearm are required to wear blaze orange or pink, but all outdoor enthusiasts should consider wearing blaze orange or pink or another bright color in addition to the proper winter gear. Doing so will allow you to be seen more easily and from greater distances. In addition, wearing bright colors make it easier for rescue personnel to find lost, sick, or injured people afield. Hunting remains a very safe activity, and these simple safety precautions help ensure that everyone can continue to enjoy the diverse array of winter outdoor activities.

DEC maintains trails in many areas of forest preserve lands in the Adirondack and Catskill parks, as well as in State Forests, Wildlife Management Areas, and Unique Areas open to hunting. Find recreation options by visiting DEC's website or checking out DECinfo Locator.

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## **UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Two Drive-Through COVID-19 Test Distribution Events; Ulster County Will Distribute Additional 20,000 Free Rapid At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits This Week to Ensure Safe Holidays**

- *Open only to Ulster County residents, Ulster County will be holding two FREE drive-through test distribution events at TechCity on Wednesday, December 29th and at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 30th*
- *In addition to these large-scale distribution events, Ulster County will again partner with all 24 municipalities within the county and local nonprofits to distribute free kits directly to residents*
- *Last week, County Executive Pat Ryan announced that the County had purchased an additional 20,000 COVID-19 at-home rapid test kits; in total Ulster County will distribute over 50,000 kits directly to residents at no cost during the holidays*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the County will hold two FREE drive-through at-home test distribution events at TechCity in the town of Ulster on Wednesday, December 29th and at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz on Thursday, December 30th. Each event will have 3,000 at-home kits available to Ulster County residents, with one kit available per car. The events will start at 6PM and run while supplies last.

“As expected, the holiday season coupled with the emergence of Omicron has resulted in a dramatic surge in positive cases throughout the area,” Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. “Our last round of at-home test kit distribution was a major success, and I am proud that we are able to provide even more tests at this pivotal moment for our community. With positive cases on the rise, testing, wearing a mask, and getting your booster shot are essential tools to keep our community safe and our schools and businesses open.”

Additionally, Ulster County will again partner with all 24 municipalities in the county to provide rapid at-home

COVID-19 test kits at no cost to cities, towns and villages throughout Ulster County. Residents are encouraged to contact their municipality for additional details on how to obtain kits. Please remember to call ahead to make arrangements for outside pick-up, if you are symptomatic, to stem the spread of COVID-19. Each at-home rapid kit contains two tests per-box.

Last week, County Executive Ryan announced that Ulster County had secured an additional 20,000 COVID-19 at-home rapid test kits. In total, the County has acquired over 50,000 COVID-19 at-home rapid kits to distribute directly to families and residents in an effort to allow local schools and businesses to remain open safely while increasing testing capacity and access throughout the area. On Monday, New York State announced they will distribute 3 million to 3.5 million take-home kits, with priority given to districts that have the highest transmission rates.

Last month, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan declared a State of Emergency due to rising cases of COVID-19 and surging hospitalizations. The emergency order has allowed the County to rapidly procure the at-home kits and secure a second school specialist from the State to assist with contact tracing.

Ulster County will continue to hold regular vaccination PODs for residents who need to receive their 1st dose, 2nd dose, or booster dose. Appointments are recommended for the County's vaccination PODs; although walk-ins will be accommodated as capacity allows. Sign up for an appointment at [VaccinateUlster.com](http://VaccinateUlster.com).

What to do if you test positive with at-home rapid COVID test:

Recipients of the free COVID-19 at-home rapid tests should follow the manufacturer's instructions for administering the test. Anyone who tests positive should immediately isolate themselves from others, regardless of vaccination status. Isolation includes retiring to a separate room in the house and avoiding contact with others in the household. If symptomatic, consult with a doctor about treatment and how to isolate people who need caregiving.

Report positive at-home test results to the Department of Health online at [covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/hometest/](https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/hometest/) or by calling the Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC) at 845-443-8888. (Negative test results do not need to be reported to the Department of Health.) Necessary information to report a positive test result includes:

- o Name of person tested
- o Date of birth
- o Email address
- o Phone number
- o Physical address
- o Date of test
- o A photo image of the positive test result is REQUIRED by New York State Department of Health and should be taken within 24 hours of test administration.

Once a positive test result is reported to the Department of Health, you will be contacted by a public health nurse for case investigation and documentation which you can provide to your school or employer; please be sure to answer phone calls from unfamiliar numbers while waiting to hear from the health department.

For questions, please call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC) at 845-443-8888.

## Attorney General James Asks Consumers to Report Price Gouging of At-Home COVID-19 Testing Kits and Other In-Demand Items

*AG James Also Issues Warning Against Fraudsters Seeking to Prey on Consumers*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert to New Yorkers concerning potential price gouging of over-the-counter coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing products for at-home use, as well as other in-demand essential products. Today's alert comes in light of a surge of COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, which has resulted in the rise of New Yorkers seeking to use at-home testing kits before gathering with friends and loved ones for the holidays.

"As New York sees an exponential rise in COVID-19 cases, more and more New Yorkers are looking for at-home tests and other tools in the fight against the coronavirus," said Attorney General James. "If New Yorkers see exorbitant price increases on testing kits or other goods vital and necessary for health, safety, and welfare, they are encouraged to report it my office immediately. And fraudsters are on notice that if they attempt to price gouge during this new surge, we will not hesitate to take action."

The Office of Attorney General (OAG) has received complaints of COVID-19 testing products being sold at double or triple its retail price. A standard BinaxNOW brand test kit at a New York store, like Walgreens, costs appropriately between \$14 and \$25 for a package of two tests, however, there has been alleged reports of the same products being unlawfully sold for more than \$40 and up to \$70 per package.

New York law prohibits merchants from taking unfair advantage of consumers by selling goods or services that are vital to their health, safety, or welfare for an "unconscionably excessive" price. An excessive price would be represented by a gross disparity between the price of the product immediately prior to and after such an occurrence.

Last year, a law was passed that substantially strengthened Attorney General James' ability to bring charges against individuals and entities violating New York state's price gouging statute, as they sought to excessively increase prices on essential goods and services during pandemics or other emergencies.

Today's action is the latest in Attorney General James' efforts to protect consumers from fraudulent conducts and deceptive practices. In addition to sending more than 1,900 cease and desist letters to merchants since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the OAG also stopped three third-party sellers that used Amazon to price gouge on hand sanitizers and disinfectants and sued a major egg distributor for exorbitantly raising the price of eggs that resulted in Attorney General James securing 1.2 million eggs to help feed needy New Yorkers.

The OAG continues to monitor entities across the state for deceptive practices and price gouging schemes. Any New Yorker who is aware of or believes that they have been the victim of price gouging is encouraged to file a complaint online or call 800-771-7755.

## Attorney General James Issues Warning to Sameday Health to Stop Misrepresenting Turnaround Times for Expedited COVID-19 Test Results

*Demands Refunds for Consumers*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a warning letter to Sameday Health - a private lab with locations throughout the country that claims to offer expedited coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing for a fee - for not meeting promised turnaround times for test results. Numerous consumers have now passed the timeframe in which they were promised test results, even though they paid for expedited testing. Today's letter notifies Sameday Health that New York law prohibits false advertising and instructs the company to immediately update its signage at test sites and on the company's website to accurately reflect how long individuals can expect to

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wait before receiving COVID-19 test results. Attorney General James also demands refunds for all consumers who paid for expedited test results but did not receive them in the timeframe initially promised.

"The mass influx of New Yorkers seeking tests with the holidays here and the crush of the Omicron variant does not give any company the right to lie about turnaround times for COVID-19 test results, let alone charge consumers for expedited tests that were never rushed," said Attorney General James. "Sameday Health has been charging consumers for free tests on the promise that they can guarantee faster results, but, like so many other companies we've seen this week, this company is only making empty promises. Sameday Health must immediately update its signage and its website and notify patients of the realistic timeline in which they will receive results, as well as provide refunds to every patient who paid for expedited test results but never received them in the proper timeframe. (Contd. Pg. 32)

## Attorney General James Issues Warning to Sameday Health to Stop Misrepresenting Turnaround Times for Expedited COVID-19 Test Results

(From Pg. 31) I encourage all New Yorkers who continue to see misrepresentations about COVID-19 test turnaround times to file a complaint on my website right away."

Sameday Health offers free COVID-19 tests for those with insurance and charges for tests for those without insurance. On top of that, the company charges fees for what they refer to as "fast" results that are guaranteed within a particular timeframe. Complaints referred to the Office of the Attorney General showed that consumers who paid for expedited test results did not receive their results in those guaranteed timeframes.

In addition to warning Sameday Health to update its website and signage and to instruct its employees to provide accurate information concerning turnaround times, the letter issued by Attorney General James requests that Sameday Health contact all of its customers who are currently awaiting COVID-19 test results to let them know when they can realistically expect to receive those results. Attorney General James also demands refunds for any consumer who paid for expedited test results but did not receive them in the timeframe originally promised.

Today's letter follows two separate letters Attorney General James sent earlier this week to LabQ and to Labworq, demanding that the companies take similar steps to update their websites and their signage, and to inform consumers about realistic wait times for COVID-19 test results.

Attorney General James asks any consumer who believes a lab or other testing facility is making misleading statements about their turnaround time for COVID-19 test results to file a complaint online with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau or call the office at 1-800-771-7755.

## Gov Hochul Announces Applications Open for 'Nurses for our Future' Scholarship

• *Tuition Covered for 1,000 New or Current  
Healthcare Workers*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the opening of the application period for the "Nurses For Our Future" Scholarship. The scholarship will cover tuition for 1,000 new or current healthcare workers to earn an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) or Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) at a two-year or four-year New York State public college or university.

"For the last two years, New York's nurses have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we owe each and every one of them a debt of gratitude," Governor Hochul said. "As we continue to fight the virus, the 'Nurses For Our Future' scholarship will offer an important opportunity for the next generation of nurses to receive a top-tier education and ensure they are prepared to help protect their fellow New Yorkers when they are needed the most."

Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, hospitals have been facing a labor shortage and a massive influx of patients. The Nurses For Our Future scholarship program is an important step designed to recruit and retrain nursing and health care professionals to serve in NYSRNs which are most in need. There are currently more than 9,300 openings for Registered Nurses in New York State. The scholarship will mean 1,000 more students can enter a nursing program in either SUNY or CUNY. Students will be able to complete their programs with a flexible schedule, either part-time or full-time.

**NYSNA Executive Director Pat Kane, RN.** said, "Nurses have always been the backbone of our state's healthcare system, a fact that has become even clearer since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank Governor Hochul's administration for recognizing their contribution, offering this scholarship, and broadening the opportunity for current and aspiring healthcare workers to learn the skills they need to better serve the people of New York State." (Contd. Pg 33)

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## Gov Hochul Announces Applications Open for 'Nurses for our Future' Scholarship

(From Pg. 32) Up to 500 scholarships will be awarded for out-of-state licensed nurses who relocate and practice in New York State to earn a BSN, 250 for New York State licensed nurses to earn a BSN and, 250 to New York State residents newly seeking an ADN.

Scholarships will cover the actual tuition charged by the public college or university for four full-time semesters. Awards will be pro-rated for recipients attending less than full-time and scholarships will not cover other costs of attendance, including fees, room-and-board, or other expenses.

This effort will incentivize New York State residents active in the health care field to upskill their career path and advance their education through the SUNY or CUNY system.

The Nurses For Our Future program run through SUNY and CUNY will recruit and retrain nursing and health care professionals, with tuition completely covered. The New York State Department of Labor will also help market new opportunities in the health care industry to those currently working in the field or those who are unemployed.

In addition, the New York State Department of Labor will help market these new opportunities to existing and unemployed workers, including opportunities available through regional SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers for entry-level nurse certifications in high demand including Certified Nursing Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse and Nursing Home Aide.

Entries must be completed on line.

By successfully transmitting a completed online entry form, each participant will be entered into the drawing.

For more information, visit: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/nurses-our-future-scholarship>

## Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Improve State Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

- **Legislation (S.4516-C/A.7536-B) Makes the Falsification of COVID-19 Vaccination Records a Crime**
- **Legislation (S.4962/A.5062) Gives Schools Improved Access to the Statewide Immunization Database**
- **Legislation (S.6375/A.5713) Directs the Commissioner of Health to Conduct a Study of the Delivery of Ambulatory Care and Other Medical Care in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Legislation (S.6070-A/A.7324-A) Directs the Department of Financial Services to Conduct a Study on Certain Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a package of legislation that will improve New York's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This legislative package will take a major step forward in the State's efforts to increase vaccination rates and study the effects this pandemic has had on our economy and health care system.

"We need to make sure we learn the lessons of the pandemic so we don't make the same mistakes twice," Governor Hochul said. "These new laws will help us improve our response to the pandemic now, crack down on fraudulent use of vaccination records, and help us better understand the areas of improvement we need to make to our health care system so we can be even more prepared down the road."

### Falsification of COVID-19 Vaccination Records

Legislation (S.4516-C/A.7536-B adds clarification that a COVID Vaccination Card shall be considered a written instrument for purposes of the forgery statute which makes the falsification of COVID-19 Vaccination Cards a class A misdemeanor. It also creates a new E felony of computer tampering in the third degree for intentional entering, alteration or destruction of "computer material" regarding COVID-19 vaccine provisions. Individuals who misrepresent their vaccination history, not only jeopardize their own health, but the health of all those they come into contact with. This legislation ensures that as New York opens up and many businesses choose to rely on checking vaccination status, the falsification of vaccination records will not be tolerated.



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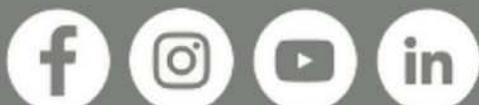
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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live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

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

*For any other questions*  
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# BCES SGA Gives Presents to Pre-K Children

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Student Government Association Advisor Peter Dworetsky arrived at the morning and afternoon sessions of Pre-K classes with three SGA elves to provide Christmas gifts to all the children. He told the classes that the group purchased and wrapped all the gifts for the past many years. Sixth graders Heaven Mathews, Kiara Sauer and Stephon Harris

spoke on behalf of the SGA brothers and sisters and told the younger children how happy they were to bring smiles to their faces. In the afternoon class, they each shared what was the most special Christmas gift they ever received. The day coincided with the school's annual Pajama Day so many of the children as well as staff were wearing pajamas. It made the occasion seem like Christmas morning around the



Left to right are SGA representatives Stephon Harris, Heaven Mathews, and Kiara Sauer with their Faculty Advisor Peter Dworetsky. The other photos show children with their gifts

Christmas Tree.

The Pre-K children thanked the SGA after they received the individual gifts at a special table set up with gifts next to cut-outs of different shapes. Each child had been given a cut-out to match up with the presents. That was probably the idea of Mr. Dworetsky, who is the school's Math Coach.

Pre-K teacher Ms. Mindy Conciatori and her faithful Assistant Jennifer Varner were very pleased to watch the children opening their gifts and shouting out a very loud "Thank you" to the wonderful visitors bearing such wonderful presents. What a great way to end the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year!



Regarding the annual presentation of gifts to Pre-K children by BCES Student Government Association on December 23, 2021. The day coincided with the school's annual Pajama Day so many of the children are in pajamas.



## Liberty Rotary completes mission to Belize

A team of Rotarians recently completed a mission to Belize as part of the ongoing Liberty NY Rotary Club (LNYRC) Disaster Preparedness and Relief efforts. According to Liberty Rotarian and head of Mission Control Operations, Charles Lee Miller, the goal of the five-day mission was “to deepen our operational knowledge and partnerships in the Belize River Valley in order to inform and advance ongoing efforts to improve survivability and quality of life in the face of future disaster.



*Five local Rotarians recently completed a mission trip to Belize. Pictured from left is Livingston Manor Rotarian Don Simkin, and Liberty NY Rotary Club's Irving Kaplan, Shannon Barry, Gary Silver and Gary Siegel.*

The team conducted reconnaissance of the Belize River Valley and Belize City which included identifying potential storage locations for disaster relief supplies, logistics, demographics, and cultural basics of remote villages most likely to be served by ongoing efforts. The team was able to view road and river access, public buildings and common areas, local government structures and services, as well as languages spoken and religious centers. The team took an aerial and boat tour and met with council leadership of four villages in the more remote areas of the Belize River Valley. In addition, the team toured the South areas of Belize City that have a more dense population and are vulnerable to flooding on a consistent basis.

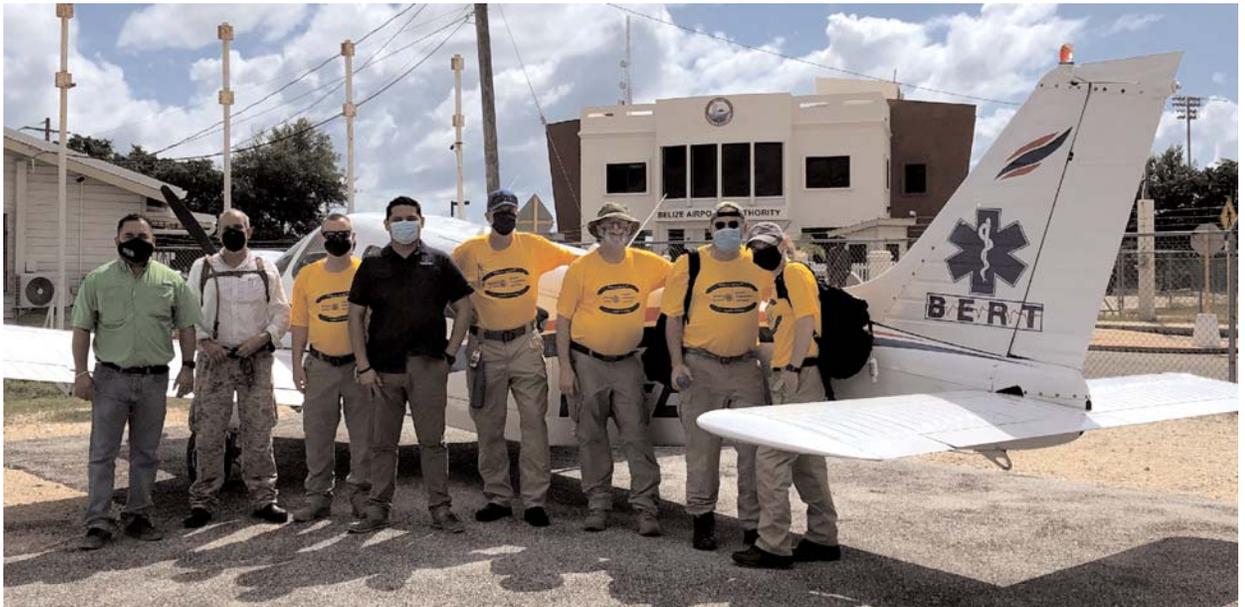
The team also formalized relationships with our Rotary brothers and sister, private entities and government organizations meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Belize and Belize Sunrise,

BERT (Belize Emergency Response Team), NEMO (National Emergency Management Organization) and CEMO (Belize City Emergency Management Organization). The team will be analyzing and assessing the data gathered during the mission to help create and establish a sustainable plan to prepare our Belizean friends for future disasters.

Belize is a small country in Central America and in November 2020, following hits by two major Hurricanes (Eta and Iota) within a week, Belize Rotarians reached out for assistance in both provision of immediate relief and in building response capacity for future disasters. Local fundraising efforts by the LNYRC and the hard work of Belize Rotarians resulted in delivery of material support to impacted villagers in remote and underserved areas. Ongoing relationship building culminated in this deployment of the team of local Rotarians including Gary Siegel, Shannon Barry, Gary Silver, Irving Kaplan and Don Simkin to further the overarching goal of providing disaster relief and building disaster preparedness capacity. The mission control team of Charles Lee Miller, Mr. Terry Grafmuller and Joe Abraham, assisted, monitoring movement and providing safety measures for the team.

The LNYRC has developed a resumé of Disaster Relief efforts in the past in Haiti, Texas, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, and most recently in Belize. “Service Above Self is the Rotary motto and through that service we always try to help others that

are in need locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.”



*While in Belize, the team of local Rotarians conducted reconnaissance of the Belize River Valley and Belize City.*

says Gary Silver who is the co-chair of the club's Disaster Relief Committee. “This is just another example of us developing strong relationships and providing that help in a sustainable manner.”

To learn more about LNYRC's Disaster Relief efforts, visit [www.libertynyrotary.org](http://www.libertynyrotary.org).

## UC NOW TRENDING...

January 2022

**Through Jan. 9** Field + Supply @ Little Village: A Modern Makers Pop-Up: Over 40 makers and designers. Gifts for home decor, kitchen, pantry, accessories and more. Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 17 Railroad Ave Kingston. fieldandsupply.com

**Jan. 1** First Day Hike at Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Peter's Kill Area: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Join us for a two-mile snowshoe in the Peter's Kill Area. This hike includes a few uphill sections of trail and a few rocky areas that may be icy or slippery. If there is insufficient snow cover, this program will be offered as a hike. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Meet in the Peter's Kill Area at 5080 Rt 44/55, Gardiner, NY 12525. Pre-registration is required by calling the Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center at 845-255-0752. Route 44/55, Gardiner. 845-255-0752; parks.ny.gov/events

**Jan. 1** First Day Hike - Upper Esopus Fire Tower: Visit the 80-foot fire tower that looks out on the Esopus Valley. The top cab will be open during the Visitor Center's regular business hours: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-register by calling 845-688-3369 or by emailing [obernard@catskillcenter.org](mailto:obernard@catskillcenter.org). All registrants for the First Day Hike can stop by the Visitor Center during business hours to pick up a free gift. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

**Jan. 1** First Day Hike at Walkway Over the Hudson: Leashed pets and the whole family are welcome on 1-to-3-mile hike. 87 Haviland Road, Highland. 845-454-9649; walkway.org

**Jan. 1** Live at The Falcon: Exploring the music of Jerry Garcia with Grammy Award Winner C. Lanzbom, Russell Gottlieb, Clare Maloney, Kensuki Shoji joined with Chameleons In The Color Factory's Caleb Estey, Peter Lister, Joe Biglin and Evan Lane. Tickets: [liveatthefalcon.com/reservations](http://liveatthefalcon.com/reservations). 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com

**Jan.-Feb.** Hudson River Maritime Museum: Check out classes and workshops offered at the Riverport Wooden Boat School. Hudson River Maritime Museum open by appointment only. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

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

**Jan. 2, 16, 30** Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Indoors for winter. Locally-grown and crafted products. Vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Feb. dates: 13 & 27. Senate Garage, 4 N. Front Street, Kingston; [kingstonfarmersmarket.com](http://kingstonfarmersmarket.com)

**Jan. 4, 9** Watergrasshill Workshops: Jan. 4: Learn how to create quick and easy sheet pan dinners. 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 9: Bake & Take: Cinnamon rolls, Danish and biscuits. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 105 Phillies Bridge Road, New Paltz. 845-419-2661; watergrasshillny.com

**Jan. 7; Feb. 4** Saugerties First Friday: Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5-8 p.m. Partition, Market and Main streets, Saugerties; [facebook.com/saugertiesscene](https://facebook.com/saugertiesscene)

**Jan. 8** 17th Annual All-Day Winter Bird Count: Participants will census wintering birds throughout the 160-acre Nature Preserve, recording numbers of individuals and species diversity. Pre-registration is required. Contact Steve Chorvas ([schorvas@gmail.com](mailto:schorvas@gmail.com) or 845-246-5900) to register or for additional information, no later than Thursday, January 6th. Esopus Bend Nature Preserve, 4 Shady Lane, Saugerties; [esopuscreek-conservancy.org](http://esopuscreek-conservancy.org)

**Jan. 8, 22** Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum: Known locally as "a little gem of a museum." Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every other Saturday; weather permitting. Free. Feb. dates: 5 & 19. 265 Fair St., Kingston. [kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com](http://kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com)

**9** FW Murnau's "The Last Laugh:" An aging doorman is forced to face the scorn of his friends, neighbors and society after being fired from his prestigious job at a luxurious hotel. Silent film. Live accompaniment by Marta Waterman. 2 p.m. The Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main Street, Rosendale 12472. 845-658-8989; [rosendaletheatre.org](http://rosendaletheatre.org)

**Jan. 13, 27** Hand Knitting Chunky Blanket Sip and Craft at Magnanini Winery: Learn to hand-knit chunky blanket. Includes one free glass of Magnanini wine. An experienced artist will help you as much or as little as you want. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available for additional purchase. Small bites can be purchased in the Tasting Room. Limited quantities. Seats are limited; please book ahead. Starts at 6:30 sharp. \$60. 172 Strawridge Road., Wallkill. 845-895-2767; [facebook.com/magnaniniwinery](https://facebook.com/magnaniniwinery)

**Jan. 14-17** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend: Enjoy our cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating rink on Lake Cole, ice fishing and a snow tube run (weather permitting). Warm up at our indoor floor hockey arena, climbing gym, archery range and arts and crafts studio. Snow tubes, snowshoes, and cross-country skis are provided. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; [frostvalley.org](http://frostvalley.org)

**Jan. 21** The Hudson Valley's 13th annual Traditional Robbie Burns Supper/Celebration: Featuring the recitation of Burns' poetry, a traditional dinner with the entrance of the haggis, storytelling, songs and whisky toasts. Samplings of Hudson House whiskies. Several local hotels are offering special room rates. Seating is limited. Please call for reservation 1-914-299-0837-1-845-834-6007. \$75.00pp+ tax & gratuity. Or reserve through Eventbrite: [eventbrite.com/e/13th-annual-robbie-burns-suppercelebration-tickets](https://eventbrite.com/e/13th-annual-robbie-burns-suppercelebration-tickets)

**Jan. 21-22** Rock Academy Presents RUSH: 7 p.m. Tickets available through a Rock Academy student and at the door. Wall Street Music Hall, 323 Wall Street, Kingston. 323-538-3012; [facebook.com/events/kingston-ny/rock-academy-presents-rush/404652028024563/](https://facebook.com/events/kingston-ny/rock-academy-presents-rush/404652028024563/)

**Jan. 22-24** 24th Annual Catskill Ice Climbing Festival 2022: Choose from multiple clinics on all the skills and techniques. \$175 per person per event for all group events; \$200 for the back-country day. Rock and Snow will offer 25% off for apparel and 15% off ice gear for all Icefest registrants up to the end of the event. Alpine Endeavors, PO Box 291 Rosendale. 877-486-5769; [alpineendeavors.com](http://alpineendeavors.com)

**Jan. 28, 29** The Students of Rock Academy Present PRINCE! 7 p.m. Tickets available through a Rock Academy student and at the door. "Songwriter, producer, actor/director, multi-instrumentalist Prince was one of the greatest and prolific musicians of all time...." — Director, Adrien Reju. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; [woodstockplayhouse.org](http://woodstockplayhouse.org)



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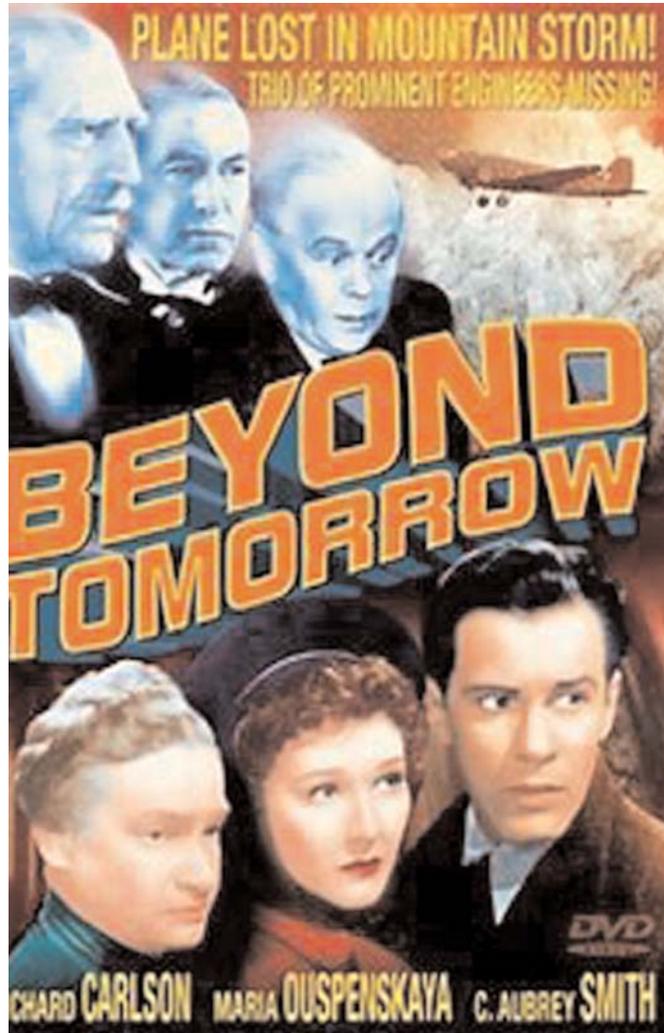
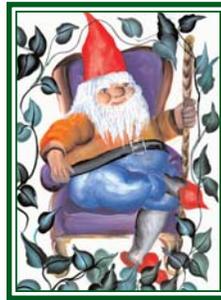
**BEYOND TOMORROW**  
(1940 / 1 HR. 23 MIN. PG)

The ghosts of three elderly industrialists killed in an airplane crash return to Earth to help reunite a young couple they initially brought together.

Melton, Chadwick and O'Brien, rich but lonely heads of an engineering firm, invite three strangers to dinner on Christmas eve

This is a film that defines the relationship between the spirit, the soul, and the physical body and the illusions of a awareness that boasts that Einstein was right about what we are –the vibrations of reality that are by the grace of God – God’s Grace is our awareness. Use it well and in truth, and grow into an Angel.

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## **WINTER PEOPLE**

(1989 / Drama / 2 hrs. / PG-13)

It's the 1930's when feuding was in fashion. Rape and murder sets the fire to feuding families in the mountains of North Carolina. Release date April 14, 1989. *Winter People*: Directed by Ted Kotcheff. Starring Kurt Russell, Kelly McGillis, Lloyd Bridges, and Mitchell Ryan. Content Rating: PG-13

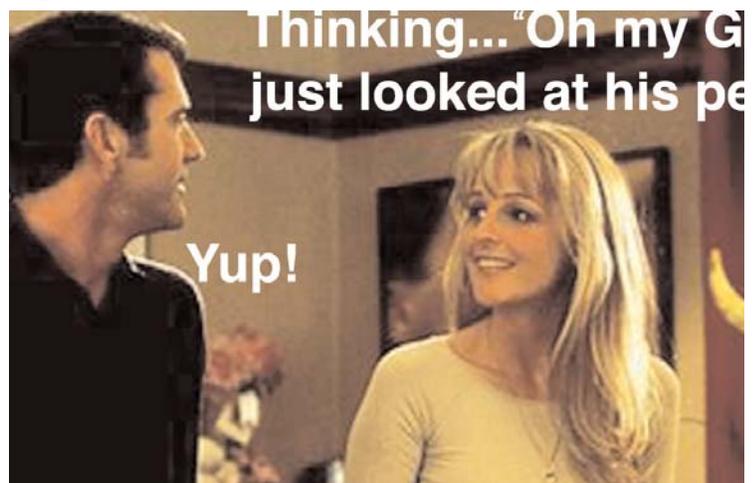


During the 1930s Appalachia, a widowed city clock maker falls in love with an unwed mother and finds himself in the middle of a long-standing feud between two clans. When out of the blue a widower, a clock maker (Kurt Russell,) stumbles on an unwed mountain woman, Kelly McGillis and her child. Both must learn the hard lessons of Mountain life, and its traditions. The customs are different and the lifestyle hovers on back woods living.

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**WHAT WOMEN WANT**  
 (PG-13 / 2000 / 2hr 7min / Fantasy / Romance)



Hey guys this is a wonderful fantasy about a cocky, chauvinistic advertising executive who magically acquires the ability to hear what women are thinking that leads to bringing people to the truth about themselves.



"What Women Want" is directed by Nancy Meyers. Starring Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt, Marisa Tomei, and Alan Alda.

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