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Kneeling, Tim Dirie, Sullivan BOCES CTE/Liberty HS student. Left to right: Linda Kleingardner, Rolling V; Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180; Nick Vallone, Rolling V; Linda Berkowicz, Sullivan BOCES; Terry Harcleroad, Liberty CSD; Justin Simon, Liberty MS student; Angie Wheeler, Liberty MS student; Augustine Tornatore, Liberty CSD; Quinn Allen, Liberty MS student; Jeff Molusky, Sullivan BOCES; Jay Quill Wall Thomas-Jones, Liberty MS student; Patrick Sullivan, Liberty CSD; Elmida Aguilar Reyes, Liberty MS student; Heather Chen, Liberty CSD; Hannah Wormuth, Liberty MS student; Yanelis Aguilar Reyes, Liberty MS student; April Resnick, Liberty CSD; Robert Dufour, Sullivan BOCES; Michael Brooks, Sullivan County Legislature.

LIBERTY, NY (Feb. 10, 2021) - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Rolling V Bus Corp., Sullivan 180, and Sullivan BOCES have partnered to create an innovative remote-learning environment providing Internet access for students in need: a mobile classroom in a converted school bus. (Contd. Pg. 8)

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces the County has Received \$1.4 Million in New Opioid Prevention Funding



KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that Ulster County has received \$1.4 million in new additional grant funding towards opioid use prevention in the last few weeks. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, with the help of Ulster County Department of Health's Healing Communities Division, recently received a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant for \$900,000. Additionally, the Ulster County Department of Health Healing Communities Division has received nearly \$500,000 in National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) grant funding. As part of one of County Executive Ryan's "Big Five" priorities to Tackle the Opioid Epidemic, Ryan has now dedicated \$2.7 million dollars in unprecedented funding over the past two years in opioid prevention spending and grant funding. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 7, 1951

Jackie Denman was interviewed January 26th on the Jimmy Blaine show on television. The program was on WJZ TV. Jackie, who is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman, is in his first year at LaGuardia Airport Aeronautical School. He was picked as an outstanding student from the school for the television interview.

Grant E. Sheely, 87 years of age, died at the home of his son at Fort Plain, N.Y. on February 2nd. Mr. Sheely was born in Grahamsville on May 3, 1863, the son of David and Liza (Van Aken) Sheely. Fifty-nine years ago he married Maude Wallace who died in 1946.

An epidemic of mumps has hit Grahamsville and vicinity. Many of its children and some of its mighty men are afflicted.

Manpower and steel shortages stand ready to lay a heavy hand on the operations of Walsh Construction Company and B. Perini and Sons who are engaged in a joint venture on the East Delaware tunnel and dependent between Pepacton works and Grahamsville.

February 8, 1961

On Sunday afternoon, Miss Elise Greenrose of Nyack was the guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Mabel Burch. Miss Greenrose will become the bride of Mr. Raymond Hornbeck of Rocky Hill on March 4th.

Birthday congratulations to Mr. William S. Grey who celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday. Mrs. Dorothy Grey had the birthday celebration on Sunday.

Anniversaries this month include Mr. and Mrs. Irving Marsland Jr., 15 years on the 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti, 14 years also on the 16th.

Highway crews under Alton Knight in the Town of Neversink and Ben Conklin in the Town of Denning

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is Psalm 103:1

worked around the clock opening roads choked by the heavy snowfall estimated in different parts of the area from 12 to 20 inches. In the Town of Neversink the trouble spots were in Aden and the back of Thunder Hill where the wind piled up mountainous drifts.

February 10, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller and family entertained at dinner on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller's 53rd wedding anniversary and Mrs. Archie Ackerley's 73rd birthday.

In a decision dated February 1, 1971, Supreme Court Justice George L. Cobb has dismissed the petition of the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School in the matter of an Article 78 proceeding against BOCES. This proceeding would have refunded to Tri-Valley an amount of money charged to the school district for its proportionate share of renting classrooms for the 1967-68 school year and prohibiting further charges against the school district.

February 5, 1981

Cynthia Sawchuk, a senior at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., has been named to the 1981 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Miss Sawchuk, who has earned three letters in women's basketball, is President of the P.E. Majors Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sawchuk of Grahamsville.

> There was a young man from New Lebanon Famous for his baloney Words were his game, selling his fame. Talented? Yes! And he has not lost his. Now he makes and sells Krum's delicious sausage. "KUM TO KRUM'S"



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

It has been a while since we have had any updates from your Parks & Rec team. We are extremely excited to share the news regarding discount skiing at our local Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park. As of this week, Holiday Mountain has okayed discounts for our Town of Neversink residents and members of our Tri-Valley School District. Because of the COVID concerns, Holiday Mountain has implemented a new process which identifies the specific evening of the week that we can qualify for the discount. Also, there are no passes distributed this year. Instead, you MUST contact Holiday Mountain directly to make your reservations for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. The Neversink/Tri-Valley allotted time is Thursday evenings from 5 pm-9 pm for skiing and snowboarding and from 4pm-6pm OR 6pm-8pm for tubing. The number to call to confirm your eligibility and reserve your time is 845-796-3161. Please refer to the flyer found in the pages of this Townsman for the specific details and requirements.

Other news is the ongoing success of our community ice rink. We have had, and continue to have, people of all ages coming out to the ice rink, even on the coldest nights! It has been a great experience watching the enjoyment everyone is having as they skate and socialize in a safe environment. We have seen young skaters who have met for the first time at the rink and have become fast friends, meeting up every week to skate together. We have seen parents getting to know other parents and being able to socialize safely during their time at the rink. We have seen first time skaters, young and old, who were hanging on to the walls at the beginning and are now skating freely everywhere on the ice-no walls needed! This is truly a community ice rink! The community helps with the monitoring and maintenance of the rink. The community has donated items to the rink, such as the training tools for our littlest skaters and gently used skates for those that do not have any. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hints:

Removing Ballpoint Pen Ink from Painted Walls Has the budding young artist in your home just decorated a painted wall in your home with a ballpoint original? Don't lose your cool. Rather, dab some full-strength white vinegar on the "masterpiece" using a cloth or a sponge. Repeat until the marks are gone. Then go out and buy your child a nice big sketch pad.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Anchor Ice – A Natural Wonder of Winter

After last weeks winter chill and temps falling in the low teens and single digits, once again we are seeing those beautiful ice formations that have formed in the local creeks and streams. These unique ice formations that seem to defy nature, form from the steam bed up. They are known as

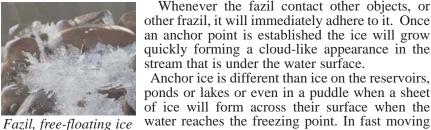
anchor ice. If natural laws are perfect, how is it that ice, which is lighter or less dense than water, can sometimes form on the bottom of creeks and streams and not at the surface? How does that happen?

When the rocks in the streambed have chilled below the freezing point it sets the stage for an ice formation. The swift flow of the stream does prevent the surface water from freezing, however free-floating crystals called frazil, begin to form in the

super cooled water columns of the fast moving waters of the stream. Whenever the fazil contact other objects, or



Anchor ice forming on the bottom of the creek



crystals

an anchor point is established the ice will grow quickly forming a cloud-like appearance in the stream that is under the water surface. Anchor ice is different than ice on the reservoirs,

ponds or lakes or even in a puddle when a sheet of ice will form across their surface when the water reaches the freezing point. In fast moving mountain streams, like those in the Catskills, the water molecules are below the freezing point and

are attracted to each other and want to bond together, but are unable to do so in the turbulent water. As the water near the bottom of the stream bed moves more slowly it sort of drags along rocks and sand where the microscopic ice particles start to join together and form the beautiful anchor ice.

Anchor ice grows very rapidly once it starts. It can change the flow and appearance of a winter stream overnight. Anchor ice usually disappears as quickly as it forms.



These past couple of weeks's weather created the perfect winter cycles of thaws that melted the insulating snow covering, followed by cold spells - the perfect environment for anchor ice to form and build up from the bottom of the streambed.

Anchor ice is considered a phenomena and a reminder that Nature's laws are perfect. Nature is in contol of the rules. Nature will create conditions where rules distinctly differ from what we normally would think, but regardless, it turns out perfect!

News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

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Most importantly, this ice rink has become a place for members of our community, young and old, to come and spend time with each other, to share stories and laughter while they are braving the winter weather.

It has become a place for safe gathering of new and old friends and family. This is exactly what we at Parks & Rec wanted the ice rink to be---a special and fun place for our community!

As a reminder, following are the ice rink hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7 pm - 9 pm Saturday 1 pm - 3 pm & 7 pm-9 pm Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

We have also received several donations of ice skates, ranging in size from toddler to adult men's and women's skates. If you need skates, send an email to Cher at cwparksandrec@gmail.com describing what you need.

On a final note, your Parks & Rec team is looking forward to being able to have events and activities in 2021. We have had several suggestions that we are looking into ranging from a fishing tournament to a nature scavenger hunt to movie nights at the fairgrounds. Our goal this year is to focus on activities and events within our community that can be enjoyed by all age groups. If you have any suggestions for us on activities or events, please share them via email at cwparksandrec@gmail.com. While we cannot guarantee that we can do everything suggested, we will explore it.

Thank you all for your continued support to your Parks and Rec team. Be safe and healthy.

Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m.

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge, on Sunday, February 28th at 2 p.m..

Tanning, or the process of converting animal skins to finished leather, is one of the oldest known crafts. The tanning process required large quantities of both water and hemlock bark, and the Catskill area had both. Men with vision purchased thousands of acres of forested land and built tanneries near the seemingly unlimited supply of water, which quickly became polluted by the tanning process. Prosperity came with the tanneries, in the form of turnpikes, villages and sawmills. Sullivan County alone had thirty-nine tanneries by 1860.

In the program Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge, Town of Rockland Historian Dr. Joyce Conroy will tell the story of how one hundred year old tanned hides were found in the Beaverkill Bridge in Roscoe, Sullivan County.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the program. Please call 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information. It would be appreciated if before requesting the link, you please visit https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate/ and using paypal, make a \$3, \$5 or \$10 donation to help cover the cost of the program.

About Dr. Joyce Conroy: Dr. Conroy is a retired Crisis Clinician from Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, NJ with a doctorate from Drew University. Since retiring to Sullivan County 14 years ago, she has served as the Director of the Roscoe Free Library and Historian for the Town of Rockland.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

Exhibitions:

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

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

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Prodigal Son Mysterious Book Report No. 434 by John Dwaine McKenna

Best selling author Gregg Hurwitz's newest installment in his compelling Orphan X series has just been released.

Prodigal Son, (Minotaur, \$27.99, 416 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-25228-9) begins when Evan Smoak — the legendary government assassin known as X, the tenth orphan, who was recruited in his pre-teen years and trained to kill— is lured out of retirement by the unlikeliest of sources: the birth mother who gave him up for adoption. Disbelieving at first, and skeptical of the woman's motives, it takes some convincing

from her before Smoak agrees to help a man named Andre, who was the only witness to an eerie murder that took place at an auto impound lot. Andre, who has disappeared and is hiding in fear of the killers, is coincidentally a kid Evan knew from the group home, back when he was in the system.

The more the retired assassin digs however, the deadlier the situation becomes. He finds himself up against a brother and sister hit team, as well as a sociopathic scientist who's also a genius, with access to an incredible assortment of futuristic, and leading-edge technology that's as lethal as it is mind-boggling.

And the hits just keep on coming throughout this edge-of-the-seat thriller that's impossible to put down. It is one of the bestplotted, action-filled and relentlessly propulsive novels of the new year!

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Dead Money Mysterious Book Report No. 436 by John Dwaine McKenna

What would you do, what could you possibly do . . . if you'd just lost 51 million dollars of someone else's money by making bad investment decisions in the stock market? And if that cash belonged to a Hong Kong Triad kingpin with a history of killing debt welshers with a meat cleaver . . .

That's the first half of the concept author Srinath Adiga opens with in his debut novel entitled: *Dead Money*, (Central Avenue, PB, \$16.99, 416 pages, ISBN 978-1-77168-216-9). It's the second part of the plot however, that's utter genius, attention-grabbing and irresistible. That's because Raymond Li —the high-rolling con artist and protagonist at the heart of this satirical masterpiece of crime fiction —comes up with an ingenious plan to keep himself from being chopped into fish chum. After a chance meeting with a man burning fake money on behalf of his ancestors, and a subsequent library visit, where he researches Chinese

burning fake money on behalf of his ancestors, and a subsequent library visit, where he researches Chinese mythology and superstitious beliefs, Raymond Li comes up with the idea of "Afterlife Dollars"... fictional currency that's purchased for real money in the here and now ... to ensure a prosperous and comfortable existence in the afterlife. He starts small, in a Hong Kong strip mall, where he gets a charter and calls it the *Bank of Eternity*. Then, by using an aggressive marketing and advertising campaign with the slogan "Life

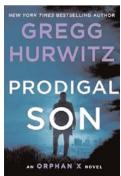
a Hong Kong strip mall, where he gets a charter and calls it the *Bank of Eternity*. Then, by using an aggressive marketing and advertising campaign with the slogan "Life Insurance is NO Good to You When You're Dead," and guarantees that deposits are backed by the "*Afterlife Central Bank*" which is run by "entities in the afterlife." And Raymond Li knows this, he says, because he had a near-death experience and met them. And, damned if he doesn't get the idea to take off! Because people will believe any-thing.

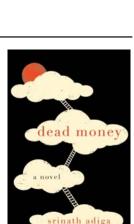
It's an out and out con job . . . but the *Bank of Eternity* works because humans everywhere are trained to believe in the afterlife. In fact, the idea works so well, that within a few years the *Bank of Eternity* is world-wide . . . and that's where the law of unintended consequences rears up and changes everything . . . when the focus shifts to Mumbai, India and then Amsterdam, Holland in this thought-provoking and highly entertaining novel. It's got an edginess on every page that you'll remember long after you've finished reading the last word!

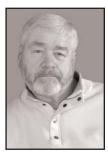
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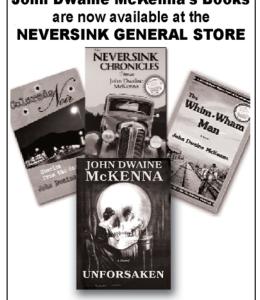
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the Olive Jar **By Carol Olsen LaMonda**

Frost on the Windows It is much more pleasant to try to cool off during the summer than it is to try to keep warm in winter. Summer just requires a few ice cubes and a dial on the fan or air-conditioner. Winter, however, is expensive and labor intensive. Since we heat with wood, even though we live in a new house with five separate oil baseboard heating zones, heat involves cutting, splitting, stacking and re-stacking wood. So instead of five oil burner zones that lie idle, we



have five zones of wood-stove heat in the house.

Zone one is the one closest to the wood stove in the living room. It is usually occupied by two pairs of boots and a dog. It is bun-toasting hot.

Zone two spreads out from five to twenty feet from the wood-stove. It is lukewarm and sweater or sweatshirt comfy.

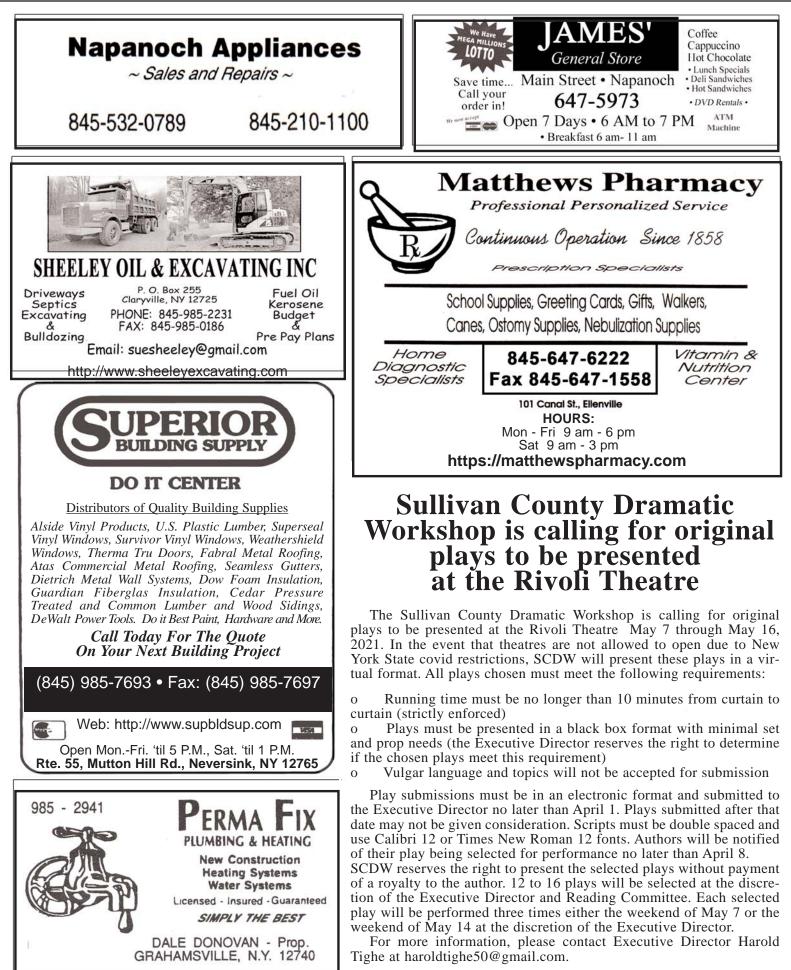
Zone three is the living room part of the great room that is littered with afghans and fleece blankets. It is pleasantly cool. We wear hats!

Zone four has two bedrooms that are down-comforter and quilt temperature. Sleeping attire requires flannel pajamas under a hooded sweatshirt and wool socks. In the last zone, zone five, unfortunately are the two downstairs bathrooms. One does not linger there in the "Necessary Room" unless you are in the morning's hot shower that we enjoy that extra few minutes knowing that the exit on the cold tile floor and arctic air will send up hopping to one of the warmer zones, usually zone one.

Of course, there is the "Twilight Zone", the upstairs loft, that is always toasty because all the heat rises to that level. We often have three overhead fans going trying to drive down some heat to the level we live on.

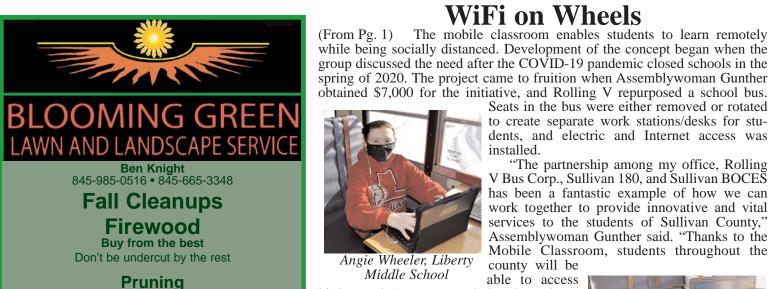
Looking back, I realized we designed the house in the summer and planned for the winter with heating zones that could be used or closed off as needed. What I never knew was that hubby was the thermostat police who keeps the setting in the mid-fifties except for sickness or signs like the coffee freezing in his cup. It is his personal attempt to save fossil fuel and its outrageous cost. Me, as I type this with my gloves on, I am looking into solar. Perhaps Aruba!

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FEBRUARY 18, 2021 WiFi on Wheels



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Angie Wheeler, Liberty Middle School

high-speed Internet to help them learn remotely as we make our way through the pandemic."

The pandemic closed many schools and inspired remote learning. Most students and teachers use Google classroom, requiring consistent, reliable online access. However, some students in rural communities lacked online access to their classrooms due to no

broadband, poor connections or insufficient hotspots. Hurdles

Seats in the bus were either removed or rotated to create separate work stations/desks for students, and electric and Internet access was installed.

The mobile classroom enables students to learn remotely

"The partnership among my office, Rolling V Bus Corp., Sullivan 180, and Sullivan BOCES has been a fantastic example of how we can work together to provide innovative and vital services to the students of Sullivan County," Assemblywoman Gunther said. "Thanks to the Mobile Classroom, students throughout the county will be

able to access



Yanelis Aguilar Reves, Liberty Middle School



Liberty Middle School Students Left side Front to Back: Quinn Allen, Hannah Wormuth, and Yanelis Aguilar Reyes. Right side Front to Back: Angie Wheeler, Elmida Aguilar Reves, and Justin Simon.

for some also included the inability to travel to where Internet access was available. Students facing these obstacles were left with no online learning options - an unacceptable situation for Assemblywoman Gunther, Rolling V, Sullivan 180, and Sullivan BOCES.

'This pandemic has shown that reliable broadband internet service must be expanded throughout the County, and we have seen the immense hardship placed on families that currently lack this access. This is a creative short-term solution to help our children meet the new demands of schooling while we continue to push for a more robust broadband infrastructure in the County. I am always proud to see the productive and inventive collaborations that our community creates in response to crisis and I am proud to have been a part of this project," added Assemblywoman Gunther. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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WiFi on Wheels

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"At Rolling V, we're fully invested in our students and could not sit by and let the COVID-19 pandemic impair their opportunities to learn," said Rolling V CEO Phil Vallone. "This bus will provide an educational haven for students who may have nowhere else to turn to gain online access to their classes and studies."

"We are proud to collaborate with Assemblywoman Gunther, Rolling V and Sullivan 180 to create educational access in this new, exciting way. This project builds upon our mission to support learning opportunities within our community," said Robert M. Dufour, Ed.D, District Superintendent/CEO at Sullivan BOCES. "Our teams worked well together and were thrilled to come up with this innovative mobile classroom. Students and staff from our career and technical education (CTE) welding and construction programs were instrumental in conceptualizing and creating the workstations for the mobile learning environment."

Timothy Dirie, a CTE Welding student in the Liberty Central School District, was one of the students who built the workstations' frames. "I enjoy building things with my hands, and it was an added bonus that I could help other students and the community with this project. I think the mobile classroom is a perfect solution for those who do not have Internet for their classes," said Dirie.

Dufour said that it's exciting that this innovative mobile classroom is available to all Sullivan County students, not just BOCES students. School districts can reserve use of the mobile classroom on their



Justyn Zayas, CTE Natural Resources Student, Livingston Manor HS



Tim Dirie, CTE Welding Student, Liberty HS

remote instruction days through the communications department at Sullivan BOCES.

The vision for the mobile classroom's use stretches beyond the pandemic. Rolling V and BOCES plan on continued access to schools and community organizations like Sullivan 180, the Center for Workforce Development, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) and Sullivan Renaissance. Other options include job fairs, education tours, showcasing of

community programs, and other considerations that would benefit the community.

"The solution BOCES has worked out with Rolling V is wonderfully creative and collaborative, and it will provide a much-needed service," said Legislature Vice Chair Michael Brooks, who also chairs the Sullivan County Broadband Local Development Corporation (LDC). "But it's also evidence of why we need to provide high-speed wireless Internet service across Sullivan County, so that our kids get all the educational opportunities they deserve, right where they live, 24/7. That's exactly what the Sullivan County Broadband LDC is aiming to achieve, and we are thrilled to have BOCES District Superintendent Robert Dufour as a member of our LDC's talented and accomplished board."



Left to right Legislature Vice Chair Michael Brooks, Assemblywoman Gunther, Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180; Linda Berkowicz, Sullivan BOCES Board President; Nick Vallone, Rolling V Bus Corp; Robert Dufour, Ed. D, District Superintendent Sullivan BOCES.

"I'm so grateful that the Liberty Central School District has been chosen to pilot this innovative approach to bringing much needed technological resources to our students," said Liberty Central School District Superintendent Augustine E. Tornatore, Ed.D.

According to Tornatore, the district has been providing "hot spots" to Liberty students without Internet access, but that isn't always enough. The WiFi signal can still be weak, and some local students lack a proper place to do their school work. Isolation has also been a challenge for many children. "This bus brings us a step closer to leveling the playing field," he said. "The pandemic has exposed many inequities faced by students throughout New York, and Liberty is no exception. I know our students will benefit greatly, and I thank everyone who helped to make it happen."

To learn more, contact Sullivan BOCES at (845) 295-4043 or email communications@scboces.org.

About Rolling V

Rolling V is a family-owned and managed full-service transportation company based in South Fallsburg, NY. It is known for exceptional school-bus services, and also provides regional charter coach and taxi services. Rolling V has provided safe and dependable transportation for more than 50 years. Learn more at RollingV.com.

About Sullivan BOCES

Sullivan BOCES delivers a wide range of instructional and management services to its eight school districts and several other schools. Its 300 plus staff collaborates with its customers to create solutions to educational challenges, increase operational efficiencies and reduce costs. Sullivan BOCES improves student success by providing quality educational experiences, helping students achieve their goals, learn skills, increase knowledge and develop a work ethic for the 21st century. Learn more at SCBOCES.org.

About Sullivan 180

Sullivan 180 is a nonprofit organization created to improve the health and well-being of Sullivan County. Their goal is to make Sullivan County a healthier place to live, work, play and raise a family. They are a grassroots movement comprised of many but speaking with a single voice in favor of new policies, systems, and programs to enhance the overall quality of life for all residents. Sullivan 180 is committed to change by degrees, a slow, steady, and enduring transformation thoughtfully conceived and implemented with an inclusive approach that unites the entire community - businesses, organizations, and individuals in health-care, education, agriculture, government, the arts, and faith-based institutions. Learn more at Sullivan180.org



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Amazon's Unsafe Working Conditions

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today released the following statement in response to a legal action filed by Amazon:

"Throughout this pandemic, Amazon employees have been forced to work in unsafe conditions, all while the company and its CEO made billions off of their backs. This action by Amazon is nothing more than a sad attempt to distract from the facts and shirk accountability for its failures to protect hardworking employees from a deadly virus. Let me be clear: We will not be intimidated by anyone, especially corporate bullies that put profits over the health and safety of working people. We remain undeterred in our efforts to protect workers from exploitation and will continue to review all of our legal options."

The Scene Too

What a week! From nothing really happening, the Universe crowded out all that nothing with an amazing array of people and experiences.

For one, I was introduced to the Poet Laureate of Sullivan County. I didn't even know Sullivan County HAD one! I find this very exciting as several of my friends across the country are poets as their art of choice. And being a writer of the arts (now that live music must still be a memory) this brought up an incredible amount of questions which I will be asking in interviews I will be doing over the next few weeks.

Friday of last week was a really bad day for me. You know the kind, the kind where every contact with the outside world makes you angry. I was recounting ok, complaining to friend CASWYN MOON of my rotten day to which he graciously shared a new song, still a work in progress, with me. As I've said before here, I'm a lyrics person. Lyrics are the poetry of message set into the delivery system of the music. And the lyrics here resonated with my day and I found these and the music absolutely delightful (a description that I'm sure Caswyn would not appreciate being an incredibly deep thinker and rather taciturn by nature). And the tentative name of this song? 'Screwed'. It's a love song.

My mood was incredibly lightened. So much so that I decided to let someone else cook for me and I knew exactly where to go. CABERNET FRANK'S and RJ's cooking. I should have called ahead because I'm still extremely nervous about closed spaces but I just didn't. And true to the phrase I try to live by ∞ Everything is as it should be in the universe at any given moment. $^{\circ}\pm$, this gave me a moment to talk mask to mask with co-owner Wade. We have been trying to get together, phone-wise for weeks on the story of harassment perpetrated by the now jailed neighbor. Hopefully I can bring this to you next week.

FIBER ON MAIN in Hurleyville is going to try to revive out Wednesday get-togethers by doing it virtually since in-person is still not an option for this fiber arts group that included those in the community who were not part of the Center For Discovery. When Annie Cadden (Annie of my °∞Annie socks°±) retired due to family demands, we were very apprehensive of whether this would ever happen again. This was a great group with beginners as well as experienced knitters, crocheters, needlepointers, counted cross stitchers, weavers, spinners, the list goes on and on. I learned so much from these ladies and gentlemen (yes, gentlemen some major designers) and I hope I gave back as much as I learned. 'Virtual' is the name of this game and I have to say, for someone who has done tax returns for people with several homes including some in Canada with no problem, I have yet to master virtual contact via the computer. So, I'm going to try, but we'll see (she says with a nervous giggle).

I have watched the amount in new CoVid cases plummet from 30 a day to around 12. I don't believe this is due to an actual drop in cases as much as people now chasing the vaccine instead of the test. I would like to remind you again that the vaccine DOES NOT prevent you from getting CoVid. It only has been proven to possibly lessen the illness and hopefully prevent you from dying. And I would also like to remind you that the effectiveness ranges from 74% to 96% depending on the brand you receive which pretty much means that you still have anywhere from 26% to 4% of the vaccine not doing anything. AND that there is still no concrete information on how long this preventative measure lasts. Is it worth it? Yes. Two things you should also know: Your computer time tracking down a vaccine on line could average 5-6 hours continuous computer time and be prepared to travel. Of those who I know have received the vaccine, most have had to travel 35 to 60 miles and there is no guarantee that your second dose can be scheduled in that same location. That second dose MUST be the same

manufacturer as the first to be effective. Good luck.

Stay well, stay strong and stay masked. Until next time

NY lawmaker Tenney calls on Gov. Cuomo to Resign for Covering up Nursing Home Deaths

"Probably going to look like criminal behavior,^o± Tenney said.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo needs to be replaced, Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y., said on Friday, reacting to the bombshell report that the governor hid nursing home deaths from the Trump administration.

"I've called for Governor Cuomo's resignation, I think this is probably going to look like criminal behavior," Tenney told "Fox & Friends."

Tenney had called for former Attorney General William Barr to investigate nursing home deaths since April and May. Although Tenney was alerted about the matter since early March and raised awareness on radio and television appearances ever since, it was "ignored."

"The inspector general needs to go in and force the counting of these deaths and the reason why you would put COVID-positive patients in a nursing home with the most vulnerable people in our communities," she said.

Tenney said she heard "outrage" from people all across the region, but, "Cuomo just has so much power in New York." "I applaud Janice Dean and [assembyyman] Ron Kim, who I served with when I was in the Assembly back in New York. I

mean, this has to be investigated," Tenney said. "I think actually the governor, you know, just to do a service to New York State should resign. If we had a recall statute like they do in California, I think he would probably face recall. He really needs to be replaced. This is actually just more typical behavior from Andrew Cuomo. He's been a lawless, really terrible governor, just exerting his power. It's been an abuse of power for the last 10 or 11 years he served as our governor." Fox News' Michael Ruiz contributed to this report.

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Cuomo aide Melissa DeRosa Admits They Hid Nursing Home Data so Feds Wouldn't Find Out

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's top aide privately apologized to Democratic lawmakers for withholding the state's nursing home death toll from COVID-19 - telling them "we froze" out of fear that the true numbers would "be used against us" by federal prosecutors, The Post has learned.

The stunning admission of a coverup was made by secretary to the governor Melissa DeRosa during a video conference call with state Democratic leaders in which she said the Cuomo administration had rebuffed a legislative request for the tally in August because "right around the same time, [then-President Donald Trump] turns this into a giant political football," according to an audio recording of the two-hour-plus meeting.

"He starts tweeting that we killed everyone in nursing homes," DeRosa said. "He starts going after [New Jersey Gov. Phil] Murphy, starts going after [California Gov. Gavin] Newsom, starts going after [Michigan Gov.] Gretchen Whitmer."

In addition to attacking Cuomo's fellow Democratic governors, DeRosa said, Trump "directs the Department of Justice to do an investigation into us."

"And basically, we froze," she told the lawmakers on the call

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Governor Cuomo Update on COVID-19

Across the state, from hospitalizations to infection rate, our numbers are continuing to decline-a sign of hope to all and proof that the work New Yorkers have done to mitigate the spread of this virus is working. Our statewide positivity rate dropped to 3.54 percent-the lowest rate since November 25th. This shows that we are headed in the right direction, but still, we are not at the end of the tunnel. Until the day the war is won and everyone who wants the vaccine has received both doses, we must continue to practice the guidelines we know work: wash your hands, wear a mask and avoid gatherings. I know we will remain New York Tough and together we can beat this virus.

Vaccine FAQ of the Day: I encourage all New Yorkers to get the vaccine as soon as it's available to you. Check your eligibility here. Here's what else you need to know tonight:

1. COVID hospitalizations dropped to 7,342. Of the 285,499 tests reported yesterday, 10,099, or 3.54 percent, were positive. There were 1,402 patients in ICU yesterday, down 21 from the previous day. Of them, 941 are intubated. Sadly, we lost 122 New Yorkers to the virus.

2. As of 11am this morning, 89 percent of first doses allocated to the state have been administered. This represents 1,787,189 first doses administered of the 2,002,055 first dose allocations received from the federal government. So far, 660,083 second doses have been administered out of the 1,031,650 second doses received. See data by region on the State's Vaccine Tracker: ny.gov/vaccinetracker.

3. New York will follow updated CDC quarantine guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. Yesterday, the CDC announced that individuals who have received both vaccine doses, and at least two weeks have passed since the second dose, are no longer required to quarantine if they are exposed to someone who is infected with the virus. New York is updating our guidance to follow the CDC. All New Yorkers, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue to wear masks, social distance, and be smart until herd immunity is reached and this pandemic is fully relegated to the history books.

4. Fight fear with facts through Hip Hop Public Health's newest video. To help raise awareness on the safety and importance of getting the vaccine, and boost vaccine literacy, Hip Hop Public Health released a new animated music video featuring rapper Darryl DMC McDaniels of Run-DMC and more. Watch it at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2bUTLUCTws

Tonight's "Deep Breath Moment": Pop-up stores have appeared in Brooklyn with one radical idea: everything in the store is free. The initiative, called the Free Store Project, is helping New Yorkers in North Brooklyn get rid of unwanted items that may still be useful to others. Founder Myles Smutney began the project last October, and since then, thousands of items have been donated and given away for free, from clothes to books to appliances and more. Volunteers help staff the four locations. The Free Store Project is bringing the community together and supporting one anotherbecause that's what New Yorkers do.

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UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces the County has Received \$1.4 Million in New Opioid Prevention Funding

Pg. 1) In 2020, largely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid-related fatalities increased 94% in Ulster County, resulting in a total of 64 deaths. This surge in opioid-related fatalities mirrors a nationwide trend. This week the Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced that opioid-related fatalities reached its highest number ever recorded in over a 12-month span. However, due to the County's extensive harm reduction efforts and interventions, the overdose fatality rate dropped sharply from 20% in 2018 to 13.5% in 2020.

"Now more than ever, in the wake of the compounding challenges COVID-19 has caused, it is critical that we do all that we can to ramp up and prioritize combating the opioid epidemic," said County Executive Ryan. "These funds will go a long way in helping to educate the public, provide needed treatment and support, and to ultimately save lives. Ulster County will not just talk about the issue, we are taking real action and putting funding behind stopping an epidemic that has ripped apart too many families in our community."

"For the first time in Ulster County, law enforcement will have civilian partners embedded to confront this epidemic. Families want action from their government and law enforcement to combat this epidemic that is continuing to rip apart our communities," said Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. "Together with County Executive Ryan, we are setting up an alert system with a user-friendly app to better communicate the risk to people in addition to the work we are doing in the Sheriff's Office to assist those who have overdosed and help them get treatment, and to tailor a program with the impacted families. Tackling the opioid epidemic is one of my priorities as Sheriff, and I am thankful to have so many partners in Ulster County Government and local law enforcement to combat this crisis."

"We, at Columbia University, are extremely proud that our NIDA/SAMHSA funded HEALing Communities Study team in Ulster County could identify and apply for these additional grants," said Associate Director of the Center for Healing from Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Dr. Timothy Hunt. "Sustainable funding streams is the goal of the Communities That HEAL intervention to continue the work of implementing best practices known to prevent overdose deaths. With this additional funding the Overdose Strategic Action Team and partners can both surge programming immediately to address the urgent need caused by the pandemic, as well as support the expansion of the High Risk Mitigation Team for the next 3 years."

The \$900,000 BJA grant awarded to Ulster County will keep residents from falling through the existing treatment gaps by extending the County's High-Risk Mitigation Team into the City of Kingston - where close to 40% of the county's overdoses occur. The City of Kingston High Risk Mitigation Team (HRMT) will be made up of two peers and a case manager (social work credentials), embedded within the Ulster County Sheriff's ORACLE team, to respond to overdose and individuals struggling with opioid use disorder.

The \$497,35 NACCHO grant funding will allow Samadhi Recovery Center in Kingston to become a 24/7

center. Currently they are open Monday through Saturday, 11am to 9pm. This funding will allow for a fully staffed 24/7 Harm Reduction Recovery Center and linkage to a quick response MOUD (medication for opioid use disorder) tele-medication program. It will also fund Community Services of the Hudson Valley to continue a harm reduction program that otherwise would have closed due to a lack of State funding. Additionally, it will create a student-driven, peer-to-peer prevention messaging campaign, with creative elements for use in all media to substantially reduce the demand for opioids and other harmful substances over time.

Between 2015 and 2018, there was a 93% increase in opioid fatalities-the second highest rate of any county in New York State outside of New York City. In 2019, thanks to the collective work of the County fatalities decreased by 41.1%. Last year's opioid fatality increase is largely due to the ripple effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This week the Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced that opioid-related fatalities reached its highest number ever recorded in over a 12-month span.

Martucci Calls for Preet Bharara to be Appointed as Nursing Homes Special Prosecuter Former U.S. Attorney Has Proven Track Record to Investigate Political Corruption

Senator Mike Martucci released the following statement in response to the breaking New York Post report that the most senior aide to Governor Cuomo admitted to hiding nursing home death data to prevent federal investigators from finding out:

"This isn't about right and left. This is about right and wrong, and covering up 15,000 deaths for political reasons is flat out wrong. We need to know what this administration knew and when. An independent investigation is needed now more than ever, and anyone involved should face justice. Therefore, I am calling for two specific action items.

"First, we need a truly independent investigation - that rules out the Attorney General and the Biden administration since both have been endorsed by and supported by the Governor. Only one person is trusted by both sides of the aisle and has a record of pursuing and prosecuting political corruption wherever it may lurk. His name is Preet Bharara. The Attorney General and the Department of Justice should step aside and appoint Mr. Bharara as Special Prosecutor in this case and provide him with all the people and resources he needs to pursue this investigation wherever it may lead.

"Second, the State Legislature must meet in a special session next week to finally pass a joint resolution revoking the Governor's extraordinary emergency powers. Only an administration who believes it is above the law would have the nerve to admit to a cover up on an open call that could be recorded. That arrogance comes from having too much power and the Legislature has no choice now but to act to revoke it.

"The families of victims in nursing homes and assisted living/adult care facilities deserve real answers, accountability, and justice. This is the only way we can trust that will happen."

Legislators Choose Infinite Care to Manage Care Center Operations Negotiations to Commence This Month

Monticello, NY - A majority of Sullivan County legislators today picked Infinite Care Management, a Brooklyn-based operator of 18 nursing facilities in New York State and Florida, to operate the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty, pending negotiations with the Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation (LDC).

Infinite Care was one of three finalists for the lease, as recommended to the Legislature by the five-member LDC Board. The other two were The Grand Healthcare System of Valley Stream and VestraCare/The McGuire Group/Absolut of Buffalo.

Infinite Care was the top choice for 7 of the 9 legislators, with District 5's George Conklin and District 6's Luis Alvarez choosing VestraCare as their first choice - though Infinite Care was both of their second choices.

"We acted as taxpayers, employees and residents of our Care Center expected us to act: in their best interests," said Robert A. Doherty, chairman of the Legislature. "We have achieved all three of my stated goals: improving the care, protecting the taxpayers and making sure our employees remain our employees. Nothing less will do, and I thank the LDC for being a partner in this important initiative."

"It was a long, hard struggle to get to this point, but I truly believe we're making the best decision we can," stated District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "I want the employees of the Care Center and the residents of Sullivan County to know that this is just one step in the procees, and I will continue to advocate for and safeguard their interests as we move forward. Our aim is to improve the Care Center, and I am intent on making sure that is exactly what we do."

"I firmly believe that today's vote was a huge positive for all of Sullivan County, including our employees," remarked District 3 Legislator and Vice Chair Michael Brooks. "Everyone should be excited about the improved future of the Care Center."

"I have been impressed with the dedication of this LDC," affirmed District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr. "Today's vote shows democracy in action, and I'm proud to say we have made a decision that will save taxpayers money and preserve jobs."

"We were fortunate to be able to choose among three potential operators, any of whom could have done the job well," District 5 Legislator George Conklin said. "I also thank the LDC Board for their incredible work and due diligence, which helped us make a smart decision."

"This is going to work," anticipated District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez. "Importantly, we will take care of our employees, whom I'm very proud of, especially for their dedication during COVID-19."

"I visited two facilities of each potential operator, so that I could be confident in our own due diligence," explained District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello. "Infinite Care has a good working group of professionals who will ensure a family-oriented, top-performing Care Center. Their aggressively progressive approach should show a quick improvement in our nursing home, especially in offering new physical rehabilitation services."

"I had concerns at the start of this process, but after our due diligence, I am confident we selected someone who will help improve the care we offer and protect our employees," acknowledged District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart. "I think this is an important step forward in enhancing the quality of care at the Care Center, and I thank the LDC Board for helping us reach an informed decision," District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen stated.

The Legislature will shortly direct the LDC to begin lease negotiations with Infinite Care, which will include the provision that all current County employees remain County employees. LDC Board Chair Lowell Feldman anticipates talks could begin next week.

"The Legislature made a very wise and thoughtful decision, based on a great deal of investigation and research," Feldman explained. "They realized this is the right decision for the Care Center's future and for the people of Sullivan County, and I'm grateful for their time and effort."

This decision did not include the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA), as the Legislature continues to consider its options with the CHHA.

Letter to the Editor:

China Laboratories Unleashed The Pandemic

Communist China exported the COVID 19 virus to the United States and the rest of the world, and it is primarily responsible for the millions of deaths, virus ailments, and economic hardship in the world.

A study by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, which was subsequently removed from the internet by the Chinese government, stated researchers in two laboratories in Wuhan China had been gathering bats infected with the coronavirus since 2012, and they were experimenting with bats that could spread the virus to human beings. In 2015 the Wuhan institute of Virology conducted further experiments on bats capable of infecting human beings with the coronavirus. On November 18, 2019 the Wuhan Institute of Virology posted job openings for postgraduate students to study the coronavirus in bats and humans. In particular, the openings emphasized the experiments would involve letting the coronavirus lie dormant in some people for a long time without symptoms. It is noteworthy China has a history of students working in laboratories becoming infected.

Subsequently, one researcher was bitten by a bat and another worker was secreted on by a bat. The woman director of the laboratory got the COVID 19 virus and died, and this was covered up by the Chinese authorities. These laboratory workers then infected people in the surrounding population of Wuhan China and the virus took off from there.

Communist China might not have foreseen the possibility of the COVID 19 virus escaping from the Wuhan laboratories and infecting the world. However, China with its strictly controlled closed society had to know it could lockdown the country and bring the virus under control, but the open societies of most other countries, including the United States, are not conducive to locking down, and are prone to spreading the virus. Furthermore, China experimented with a virus capable of mass infection and being asymptomatic in people, which weaponized the virus.

Communist China owes the world pandemic reparations payments in the many tens of billions of dollars. It, along with other countries, must conduct in-depth reviews of the safety and security procedures in virus laboratories, and implement any necessary changes to ensure viruses cannot escape from laboratories. China, in particular, must stop experimenting with viruses, because it poses an ongoing health and security threat to the world. It should be sanctioned for developing and accidentally unleashing a biological weapon of mass infection into the world. Donald Moskowitz

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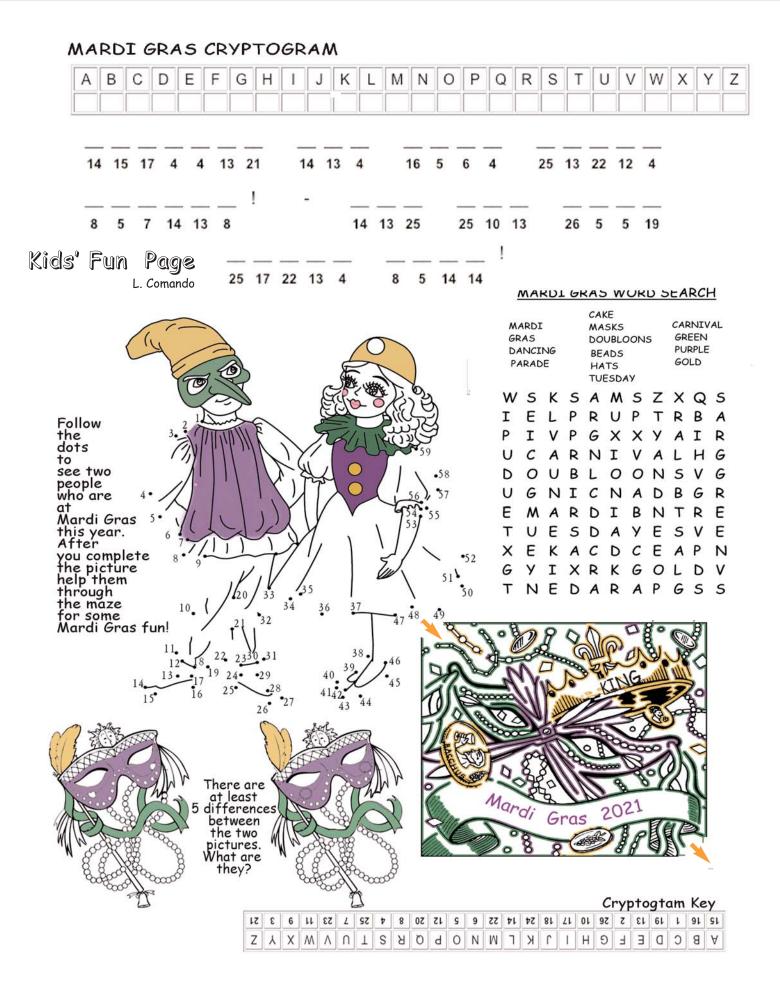
1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans or chickpeas, rinsed and drained 3 tablespoons water 1 teaspoon lemon juice 1 cup dry bread crumbs 1 large egg 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon onion powder Dash crushed red pepper flakes 2 tablespoons canola oil 4 whole wheat hamburger buns, split and toasted Optional toppings: Dill pickle slices, cheese, mayonnaise, ketchup, sliced red onion, lettuce and sliced tomato

Place the beans, water and lemon juice in a food processor; cover and process until blended. Transfer to a large bowl. Add the bread crumbs, egg and seasonings and mix well. Shape into six patties.

In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, cook patties in oil in batches until lightly browned, 3-4 minutes on each side. Serve on toasted buns.. If desired, top with pickle slices, cheese, mayonnaise, onions, lettuce, tomato and ketchup.

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Daniel Pierce Library

The library is open for browsing, computer use, and more.

Curbside pickup is still available by appointment!

Visit the Library!

You can browse for books and movies or use the internet on one of our computers.

Computer use is limited to 30 minute sessions.

Curbside Pick Up

Call to make an appointment!

Monday 10:00 - 1:00

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 - 6:00

Wednesday & Friday 10:00 - 4:30

Lobby Hours

Monday 11:00 - 1:00

Tuesday - Friday 11:00 - 4:00

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a Special Meeting for the Sole purpose to declare the Town of Denning as lead agency for the Sundown Stream Restoration Project SEQR on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall,1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Said meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 am.

There will be no other business before the Board.

At Said time any and all person(s) will be heard either for or against.

Please take Further Notice that due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 4 people are permitted to be in attendance, however, written comment will be accepted and read at Said time.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board Joy Monforte, RMC, T.C. 2-12-2021

TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Clerk to Planning and Zoning Boards

The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for the position of Clerk to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The position is a paid part-time position.

The candidate would be required to attend and take minutes at the Planning and Zoning Board meetings which are held one evening a month. In addition to attendance at meetings, the candidate is required to perform regular clerical duties on an as needed agreed upon basis.

Applications must be received by Friday, March 5, 2021 and are available at the Town of Neversink Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink Website, www.townofneversink.org under documents.

Please send applications to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, or drop it off at the Town Hall.

SUNY Ulster Offers Business Courses

The Mid Hudson SBDC works with the Continuing Education program at SUNY Ulster to provide students the most knowledgeable business classes.

Our business advisors are excited to teach these courses for the spring semester.

Do you Have an Appetite for a Food Business? This class is for the person who loves to cook and has some amazing recipes that they want to share

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021 Anticipated proposed Executive Session at

6:00 p.m., and Regular Meeting #17 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be broadcast live on YouTube Live

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nA WhR6NVao24w/live

with the world. Whether it is a restaurant, bakery, food truck, or stand, this class will provide a "soup-to-nuts" overview of the process of the planning required for opening a food establishment. Topics will include regulatory issues, start-up considerations, personnel requirements, menu planning, financial projections, marketing, and financing. Learn from "well-seasoned" business advisors from the Small Business Development Center who work with aspiring food service entrepreneurs on a regular basis. This SBDC course is offered FREE for any matriculated SUNY Ulster student and Veterans.

3/9 & 3/16 6-7pm Remote \$35

How to Start your Own Business

This seminar provides students with a checklist for starting a small business and includes personal assessment; How to register a new business; Employer ID numbers; NYS and NYC permits and licenses; Business insurance and much more! If you want to start a business but wonder how to go about doing it, this seminar is for you. Learn what makes a successful startup possible as well as what must be in place to keep the business running successfully. This SBDC course is offered FREE for any matriculated SUNY Ulster student and Veterans. T 3/9 6-8pm Remote \$35

Abra un Negocio y Trabaje Para Usted

Este seminario, dictado en Espanol, explora los pasos necesarios que el empresario debe dar para el establecimiento de su negocio propio. Los temas a tratar incluyen una revision de las opciones de estructura formal segun la ley, la evaluacion del mercado, estrategias de ventas y nivel de precios, permisos y licencias, seguros, controles financieros y administrativos, obtencion de fondos, etc. Tambien se exploran las estrategias a seguir para mantener el negocio exitoso y lucrativo una vez conformado. This SBDC course is offered FREE for any matriculated SUNY Ulster student and Veterans. W 3/17 6-8pm Remote \$35

Financial Literacy for Entrepreneurs

Financial literacy is an important aspect of running a business; it is about knowing your finances, where the money comes from and how it is spent. A sustainable business relies on a strong foundation of financial stability. Financial literacy also helps entrepreneurs to understand the difference between one's personal finances versus business finances; this helps in the better management of money for one's personal needs and have sufficient amount for running the business. Topics include credit and credit scores, budgeting, cash flow management, understanding financial statements and building relationships with lenders. This SBDC course is offered FREE for any matriculated SUNY Ulster student and Veterans.

3/23 & 3/30 6-7pm Remote \$35

Click here to register:

https://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_education/business-professional/business-nonprofit.php

Assemblymember Cahill Recognizes Family Onwed Restauant for Celebrating 50 Years in Business

(KINGSTON, NY) - On Saturday, February 13th Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) presented a proclamation honoring Eddy's Restaurant in Kingston New York commemorating 50 years of family ownership. The event was held in front of the restaurant located at 742 Broadway in Kingston, .

Opened in 1971 by Eudocious "Eddy" Constantinou and his sonin-law Chris Millouras, Eddy's has been a staple of the Kingston community providing a great and inviting atmosphere for casual dining, family gatherings and good conversation. Eddy's has served the same style of home-cooked whole turkey daily since first opening the doors to the public operating seven days a week, 52 weeks a year for the first 48 years of being in business.

"Eddy's Restaurant stands as an example that hard work, perseverance and dedication can lead to a lifetime of happiness and build a foundation to grow a thriving business that can withstand the test of time. As we gather to celebrate the 50th year of Eddy's being in business, we can also reflect on the role that naturalized immigrants play in our communities." said Assemblymember Cahill. "Eddy, Chris and the whole Millouras family are the embodiment of those values."

Statement from Governor Cuomo and NYS Health Commissioner Howard Zucker on updated CDC Guidance Eliminating Quarantine Requirements for Fully Vaccinated People Following Close Contact Exposure

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance regarding quarantine following exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. According to the guidance, 'asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals', meaning those who have received both shots and at least two weeks have passed since the second shot, are no longer required to quarantine within 90 days after the second shot.

"From the outset of the pandemic, New York State has followed the science and listened to the experts, and quarantine requirements only for New Yorkers who have received both shots will be similarly updated to reflect the CDC's new guidance. However, the science regarding COVID transmissibility post-vaccination remains unsettled, and this updated guidance is not an all-clear for New Yorkers to let their guard down.

"All New Yorkers, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue to wear masks, social distance, and be smart until herd immunity is reached and this pandemic is fully relegated to the history books."

Governor Cuomo Signs Executive Order Extending Party Registration

Albany-Feb 14 - Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that he has signed Executive Order 202.94 extending the enrollment period for voters to make changes to their party enrollment until Tuesday, February 16, setting forth a uniform statewide policy that ensures voters can take advantage of this option regardless that the deadline this year falls on a Sunday. This change is neces-



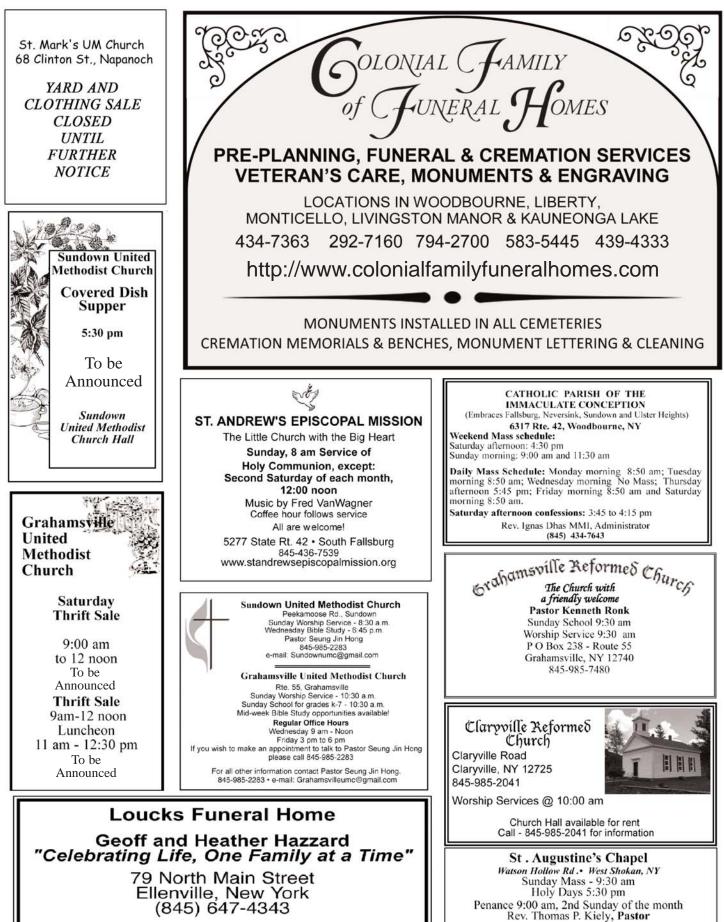
sary to ensure that Boards of Election have adequate time to process these voter-requested changes considering many Boards are short-staffed and operating with reduced density due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The change will go into effect immediately.

"The right to vote is one of the sacred pillars of our democracy, and as we continue to fight the war on COVID, we can't put democracy on hold," Governor Cuomo said. "Today we are extending the period for voters to change their party enrollment until Tuesday, February 16 to help break down more barriers to the ballot box and help ensure everyone has a chance to exercise this fundamental right.

2019, the Governor signed In legislation (S.6532A/A.8228B) expediting party enrollment changes to make it easier for voters to participate in primary elections. Previously, changes to party enrollment did not take effect until after the November general election, requiring voters to wait as long as a year for changes to take effect. The new law removed the October 11 deadline and gave voters until February 14 to make changes to party enrollment. Due to the public health emergency and the fact that this February 14 is a Sunday followed by a holiday, this common-sense measure ensures the spirit of the law is complied with uniformly statewide.

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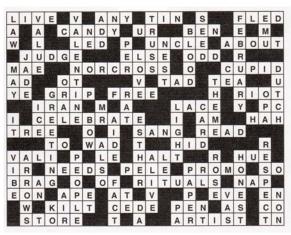
If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: *stpeters/bulletin* As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.



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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword





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ARTISTS • CRAFTERS Need a place to show and sell your crafts? Call us at 845-985-0501 email: *tvtownsman@yahoo.com* or visit our Virtual Mall gnomehome.net

Time in the Valleys Museum presents:

Glaciers of the Catskills

February 21 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday February 21 2 p.m. Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

Join Haley Springston Watershed Coordinator of the Rondout-Neversink Stream Management Program for an illuminating program on Catskill Glaciers.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge

February 28 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m. Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

Town of Rockland Historian Joyce Conroy will tell the story of how 100 year old tanned hides were found in the Beaverkill Bridge.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

Spring into Seeding

March 7 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m. Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. In Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions each step will be demonstrated and explained so you will be able to easily do it for yourself and have a successful garden this spring. Question and Answer session will follow.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 12, 2021.

\$ 22.00



SNOWBOARD RENTALS MUST MAKE RESEVATIONS



SNOW TUBING THURSDAY NIGHT 4-6 OR 6-8 TUBING PER PERSON \$ 14.00 MUST BE 42 INCHES TALL MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS

YOU MUST WEAR MASK AT ALL TIMES !! BE ADVISED NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IN CAFETERIA ,NO PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THE LODGE OR CAFETERIA AREA !!

Governor Cuomo Announces Restaurant and Bar Closing Times Extended to 11 pm Statewide

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that given the continued decline in hospitalization and infection rates throughout New York, closing times for restaurants and bars have been extended from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. statewide starting Sunday, February 14.

"Our decisions are based on science and data and we adjust as the virus adjusts. The infection rate and hospitalizations have continued to significantly decline," Governor Cuomo said. "Accordingly, we have adjusted with arena and catering hall openings with rigorous testing and limited capacity indoor dining openings in New York City. We will also move the restaurant and bar closing hour from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. statewide on Sunday. We will continue to follow the science and react accordingly. If we keep the infections down and vaccinations up, we will continue to stay ahead in the footrace against this invisible enemy

Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Bills to Help Struggling Families Secure Diapers

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined Senate colleagues to introduce the bipartisan End Diaper Need Act of 2021, which would provide resources to assist low- and middleincome families access diapers and help ensure the health and wellbeing of those who rely on diapers, including infants, toddlers, medically complex children, and adults with disabilities. Gillibrand is also a co-sponsor of the COVID-19 Diaper Assistance Act, which would provide \$200 million in emergency funds through the Social Services Block Grant program for diaper assistance in FY 2022. Together, the two bills provide both immediate and long-term relief for families who struggle to meet their diaper needs throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The End Diaper Need Act of 2021 would build off the COVID-19 Diaper Assistance Act's one-time emergency funds by providing \$200 million in funding for fiscal years 2022 to 2025 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Social Services Block Grant program to assist families with their diaper needs. It would also provide at least 200 medically necessary diapers per month under the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program and make medically necessary diapers eligible for reimbursement through Health Savings Accounts.

"All across the country, families are struggling to keep a roof over their heads, their families safe from COVID-19, and their infant children clean, dry, and healthy. In the best of times, this is already challenging for low- and middle-income families. That's why I'm proud to co-sponsor the End Diaper Need Act, which will help ensure that families don't have to choose between feeding their families and buying diapers," said Senator Gillibrand.

Throughout the pandemic, many families have turned to local diaper banks to meet basic needs because of COVID-19 related job losses. In New York City, food pantries and non-profits have stepped into the void by also providing diapers during food distributions. According to the National Diaper Bank Network, the cost of diapers for one baby is anywhere between \$70-\$80 a month. Despite the unsafe medical conditions that can occur from rationing diapers, such as skin infections, open sores, urinary tract infections and other conditions that may require medical attention, there is currently little to no federal assistance for purchasing diapers and diapering supplies.

The End Diaper Need Act of 2021 would help assist low-income families to address diaper need by providing targeted funding for States, territories and other eligible entities working to decrease dia-

per need. Specifically, this legislation would:

• Appropriate \$200 million per year for fiscal years 2022 to 2025 for the Social Services Block Grant Program, to be used to provide diapers and diapering supplies;

• Allow for 200 medically necessary diapers to be provided per month for medically complex children through the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program; and

• Make medically necessary diapers and diapering supplies qualified medical expenses so that families can purchase them using their HSAs or HRAs.

In addition to the National Diaper Bank Network, the following organizations have endorsed this legislation: The Center for Baby and Adult Hygiene Products; The Center for Law and Social Policy; First Focus Campaign for Children; Huggies(R); National WIC Association; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; Pampers(R); Parents as Teachers; Proctor & Gamble and ZERO TO THREE.



Help Stop the Spread

Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

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

CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

2/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

2/23/21 Town of Denning Town Board will hold a Special Meeting 10 am. Denning Town Hall

2/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

3/2/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.

3/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 2/17/21)

3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)

3/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS Town of Denning - http://www.denning.us Town of Neversink - https://townofneversink.org

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update for the February 15 - February 19, 2021

Monday, February 15

o Presidents' Day - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 16

o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 933 5807 0789, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 5:45 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Republicans Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 952 6666 2364, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 6:15 PM - Caucus: Democrats Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 950 1967 0501, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 7:00 PM - Legislative Session, Powered by Zoom Meeting and available via vimeo livestream at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203. Public Comment administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

Wednesday, February 17

o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone (646) 558-8656

o 10:30 AM (or immediately following the UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone (646) 558-8656

Thursday, February 18

o 5:30 PM - Youth Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 997 2737 2088, Passcode: 178045, Dial in Number: (646) 558-8656

Friday, February 19

o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

Regards, Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk Ulster County Legislature

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED: Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

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

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

Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman*!

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word 1" Boxed ad (1" × 3") - \$7.50 per week

> Business card ad (2" x 3") \$15.00 per week (3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week (3" x 6") - \$45.00 (4" x 6") - \$60.00 1/4 pg (4" x 5") -\$50.00 (6" x 8") - \$120.00 1/2 pg (4"x8") -\$80.00 Full Page - 8" x10" - \$160

Low Rates - High Visibility!

Cuomo and Biden Administration announce Mass Vaccination Sites to open in NYS, Targeted at Increasing Equitable Vaccination Access

• Sites Will Target Underserved Communities, Part of Cuomo and Biden Administrations' Efforts to Distribute Vaccine Equitably and Efficiently

• Sites Serve as National Model for Equitable Distribution of Vaccine

• Two Sites to Vaccinate 3,000 New Yorkers Per Day Each, to Be Established at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and York College in Queens

• New York State & Biden Administration to Identify Additional Sites Outside of New York City to Vaccinate 1,000 New Yorkers Per Day Each

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today joined with White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Jeffrey Zients and White House COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith to announce that at the Governor's request, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will establish two community-based mass-vaccination sites at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and York College in Queens - which will serve as a national model for the equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine. These two major mass vaccination sites in New York City will vaccinate approximately 3,000 New Yorkers each day over an eight-week period and, like the State and City operated Yankee Stadium site in the Bronx, will be reserved only for the residents of the borough where the site is located. New York State is working with FEMA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to identify additional sites outside of New York City to launch special targeted efforts focused on vaccine equity and improving access to socially vulnerable populations, each to vaccinate 1,000 New Yorkers per day.

These sites will target communities and populations historically underserved by the traditional health care system that were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. By increasing vaccine access in communities where vaccine hesitancy and vaccination rates are lower than other parts of the state, these sites will build on the focus of New York State and the Biden Administration to vaccinate as many people as possible fairly and equitably by creating vaccination venues in settings that people trust through partnerships with community leaders and organizations.

"COVID created low tide in America, and all the ugliness, structural racism, injustice and disparity lurking beneath the surface was exposed," Governor Cuomo said. "We know that communities of color suffered the most and from day one we've made the fair and equitable distribution of the vaccine a priority. These two new sites are going to make a dramatic impact on some of our hardest hit communities and further bolster the work we've already been doing on the ground to get shots in arms, and we're so thankful to the Biden administration for their partnership in making it happen."

Jeff Zients, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator said, "President Biden is putting equity front and center in the battle to contain the virus - partnering with states to increase vaccinations in the hardest hit and hard to reach communities. The community vaccination sites that we are announcing today is a demonstration of what that work looks like on the ground. We appreciate Governor Cuomo, Majority Leader Schumer and the New York Delegation for their partnership in helping to make these sites a reality and look forward to building more sites across the country to meet people where they are, in places they know and trust."

White House COVID-19 Equity Task Force Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith said, "Through the new vaccination sites

we are announcing today, we are taking the response directly to the communities that need it most. We're implementing a comprehensive equity strategy to vaccinate our underserved and hardest to reach communities that also includes pharmacies, community health centers and mobile clinics as well as efforts to build vaccine confidence amongst hesitant communities. We will ensure that no one is left behind in our response."

FEMA Region 2 Acting Administrator David Maurstad said, "We have worked collaboratively and continuously over the last year with our New York State partners in the war against COVID-19. The vaccine rollout is the next phase of the battle we face together. We will support the state in safely and equitably vaccinating all New Yorkers who want a vaccine. We look forward to working with Governor Cuomo to identify additional locations to serve other communities across the state."

While COVID-19 has had a damaging impact on the nation writ large, poor communities and communities of color have been particularly devastated by this virus, with Black and Latino people dying at a higher rate than white people. Since the beginning of the vaccine distribution process, another concerning trend has emerged - hesitancy towards the vaccine, especially in the Black community. With a large number of the essential workers coming from communities of color, these New Yorkers face an increased risk of contracting the virus simply due to the nature of their work. This has made it all the more important to not only continue working to instill confidence in the vaccine, but to also break down access barriers and ensure it is available directly within these communities.

With the support of FEMA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense and other federal agencies, these sites will mobilize federal clinical and non-clinical staff and contractors who will work with the National Guard, New York State, local leaders, and community based organizations to establish and operate these sites. Each location will be tailored to meet the needs of the specific community it is serving.

Sites are currently under development. Scheduling information, opening dates, and hours of operation will be made available in the coming days.

Rev. Al Sharpton, founder and President of the National Action Network, said, "We are very grateful to President Biden and Governor Cuomo for their leadership. Having someone in the White House who knows which end is up, and a partner in New York who is fighting for vaccine equity is a recipe for success. It makes all the difference in the world - a matter of life and death."

National Urban League President and CEO Marc H. Morial, who co-chairs the New York Vaccine Equity Task Force said, "Decades of structural racism in our health care system have fed a deep distrust in that system among Black Americans. Governor Cuomo and the Biden administration not only are committed to overcoming both racism and distrust, they are matching that commitment with resources. I'm proud to work with leadership that puts public health over politics. Together, we will defeat the pandemic."

Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP said, "The NAACP is encouraged by the critical ongoing efforts of Governor Cuomo to provide relief as Black communities continue to bear the brunt of this pandemic. New York Officials and the current Administration are setting an example on what real leadership looks like at this moment. They have made it abundantly clear that thwarting this deadly virus and advising states throughout this country to work in tandem to eradicate COVID-19 is a top priority."

Governor Cuomo has made the fair and equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine a top priority from the very beginning of this process. (Contd. Pg. 26)

Cuomo Announces Sports and Entertainment Events in Major Stadiums and Arenas Can Reopen with Limited Spectators Beginning February 23

Events Permitted to Re-Open in Arenas and Stadiums with a Capacity of 10,000 People or More
Using the Buffalo Bills Pilot Program as a Model, Facilities Will Be Required to Follow Similar Operational Guidelines in Order to Re-Open

• Barclays Center Already Approved to Re-Open on February 23 for Brooklyn Nets Home Game Against the Sacramento Kings

• Success of this Initiative to Help Inform the Future Re-Opening of Smaller Venues

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that, building off of the successful Buffalo Bills pilot program, sports and entertainment events in major stadiums and arenas with a capacity of 10,000 or more people can re-open with limited spectators beginning February 23. Following the model established as part of the successful Buffalo Bills pilot program, venues and events must follow similar guidelines, including Department of Health approval for venues and events, capacity limitations, testing requirements, mandatory face coverings, temperature checks, and assigned, socially distanced seating.

The Department of Health's work to inspect eligible venues statewide is already underway, and thanks to that work, the Barclays Center has been approved to re-open on February 23 for the Brooklyn Nets home game against the Sacramento Kings. The success of this, and similar events in approved venues over the coming weeks will help inform the re-opening process for smaller venues in the future.

"While we continue to fight COVID on multiple fronts, we must also get this economy re-opened intelligently and in a balanced way," Governor Cuomo said. "Live sports and entertainment have long been engrained in the fabric of New York and the inability to hold events has only added to the isolation we have all felt at the hands of this virus. Thankfully, our pilot program to reopen Buffalo Bills games to fans was an unparalleled success and now we are taking that model and expanding it to other large venues across the state to not only reinvigorate local economies, but also help bring some fun and joy back into people's lives as safely as possible."

Specifically, in order to re-open venues to professional sports, sites must:

- o Obtain DOH approval for both venues and events
- o Institute a 10 percent capacity limit in arenas and stadiums

o Ensure all staff and spectators receive a negative COVID-

19 PCR test within 72 hours of the event

o Mandate face coverings, social distancing and temperature checks for all those in attendance

o Mandate assigned, socially distanced seating

o Collect contact information from all those in attendance to help inform contact tracing efforts

o Meet enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards

o Ensure retail, food services and athletic activities abide by all state-issued guidance

Cuomo and Biden Administration announce Mass Vaccination Sites to open in NYS, Targeted at Increasing Equitable Vaccination Access

(From Pg. 25) In late 2020, the Governor announced the launch of New York's Vaccine Equity Task Force chaired by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial, and Healthfirst President & CEO Pat Wang. Since its establishment, the Task Force has continued work to ensure vulnerable and underserved communities are not left behind by breaking down the barriers to vaccination and ensuring there is equitable distribution of the vaccine across the state.

Most recently, New York led the development of a mass vaccination site at Yankee Stadium in partnership with New York City, the New York Yankees, SOMOS Community Care and the New York National Guard, specifically for residents of the Bronx, which not only continues to maintain the highest COVID-19 positivity rate in New York City, but also contains many neighborhoods considered to be 'heath care deserts.' During its first week of operation, 15,000 appointments have been made available to eligible Bronx residents.

Additionally, New York has established more than 70 temporary community-based 'pop up' vaccination sites at churches, community centers and public housing complexes directly within communities across the state which have been underserved by traditional health care systems. Since January 15, these sites have enabled approximately 30,000 New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose at these community-based pop up sites. After the administration of first doses, sites are then re-established three weeks later to administer second doses.

New York will continue to establish these pop-up sites until they have been placed at all 33 NYCHA Senior Housing Developments, which house more than 7,600 seniors. Pop-up locations will also continue to be established at other public housing complexes statewide, as well as at more than 300 churches and cultural centers which have volunteered to house these sites through Governor Cuomo's Vaccine Equity Task Force.

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DEC Announces Third Round of Annual 'Buffer in a Bag' Program Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners for Streamside Plantings

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that the application period for the Trees for Tribs' Buffer in a Bag Program is now open. Private and public landowners who qualify may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "The goal of the Buffer in a Bag program is to increase forested riparian buffers across the state by encouraging landowners to undertake small-scale plantings. Streamside plantings help decrease erosion, slow floodwaters, and protect fish and wildlife habitat. Every landowner participating in this program is bolstering DEC's efforts and our partners' work to protect water quality and safeguard our communities from flooding."

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet that borders a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build their riparian buffer. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 500 bags will be available statewide for this round of applications.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed (PDF) may be eligible for additional assistance with streamside planting projects. For more details, visit the Hudson River Estuary Program's webpage.

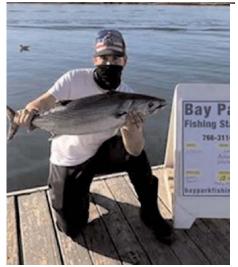
Seedlings are provided by DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery and the Trees for Tribs program is supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Governor Cuomo's proposed 2021-22 Executive Budget includes sustained record funding for the EPF at \$300 million.

Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 12. Contact treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov with questions and visit Trees for Tribs Program on DEC's website to learn more.

DEC Announces New State Marine Fishing Records for Bonito and Sheepshead Fall 2020 Catches at Atlantic Beach Reef and Reynolds Channel Set New Records

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced new state records for Atlantic bonito (Sarda sarda) and sheepshead (Archosargus probatocephalus) in the marine and coastal district waters of New York. Both catches took place in 2020 and were recently confirmed by DEC as record-breakers. The bonito was caught off of the State's Atlantic Beach Artificial Reef and the sheepshead was caught in Reynolds Channel.

"From the Atlantic Ocean to coastal bays and tidal rivers, New York's marine waters offer exceptional saltwater fishing opportunities and I'm excited to congratulate Matthew Kessinger



and James Torborg for setting these new State records for bonito and sheepshead, " Commissioner Seggos said. "It is particularly exciting that the record bonito was caught off one of New York's recently expanded artificial reefs, proving that Governor Cuomo's investments in improving water quality and enhancing marine habitats are benefiting New York's fisheries and recreational fishing community.' (Contdl Pg. 28)

Matthew Kessinger with Atlantic Bonito

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(From Pg. 27) Matthew Kessinger of Oceanside reeled in a new marine fishing record for Atlantic bonito off of Atlantic Beach Artificial Reef in November 2020. Just last fall, Atlantic Beach Reef received 16 of a total 75 rail cars donated by Wells Fargo Rail Corporation to New York State as part of Governor Cuomo's ongoing artificial reef initiative. The impressive catch, weighing a total of 13.45 pounds, exceeded the previous state record of 12.49 pounds set by Angelo Peluso in 2003. Similar to tuna and sharks, Atlantic bonito are largely pelagic species living mostly in the open ocean. These fish migrate to New York's marine waters during the summer and typically start to swim south through the fall.

James Torborg of Atlantic Beach set a new record for sheepshead. His



catch in September 2020 in Reynolds Channel weighed 13.9 pounds and surpasses the previous state record of 13.36 pounds caught in 2016 by Kruczko. Peter There is currently no recreational size and possession limits on bonito and sheepshead, and these fish can be harvested yearround.

James Torborg with Sheepshead

mitted details of their record-breaking catches to DEC's

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Marine Fishing Records Program. Through this program, anglers submit entries of marine fish that may exceed the current record. Catches must be weighed at an official weigh station on a certified scale. Check out the complete list of New York's Marine Fishing Records on DEC's website. If an angler thinks their next catch could be a record-breaker, visit DEC's Marine Fishing Records Program for information about how to submit marine records for certification, or email fw.marine@dec.ny.gov.

Visitors to New York's Artificial Reefs are encouraged to share observations using the Artificial Reef Volunteer Fishing & Diving Survey and check out the Artificial Reefs Interactive Map to learn more about reef site characteristics, materials used, coordinates of individual patch reefs, and the history of deployments.

Anglers are reminded to enroll in New York's no-fee Marine Recreational Fishing Registry before going fishing and check the current Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations in effect.



Attention Artists! Call for Entry

Entering it's 6th year, The Great Wall of Honesdale is a Wayne County landmark viewed by over 100,000 cars a week. The 2021 edition will premiere in June. Each artist is permanently featured on the Wall's website TheGreatWallofHonesdale.com

A generous grant from the John & Helen Villaume Foundation means that artist participation in 2021 will be free of charge.

2021 Theme: "SATURATED (as in color)"

There are many definitions of saturated. We are interested in the one that refers to "chromatic purity." Our aim in 2021 is to create the brightest, most color ul Wall to date. All techniques, all subject matter, and all interpretations of this theme are acceptable. Selections will be made based on artistic

meri diversity, graphic strength, interpretation of the theme, and how all the images work together as a group. The Wall is most often viewed from a distance, so strong graphic qualities work best.

Eleg bility: If your work was featured on the Wall in 2018, '19 or '20, you are not sligible for 2021. If you appeared in the years '16 or '17, you may submit work again. Though preferable, you do not have to be a WCAA member.

1. Sul mit no more than three low resolution images: 72 dpi and 650 pixels on lo igest side (or thereabouts). All images should be horizontal and able to a commodate some cropping. The 12 panels vary in size but are approximately 11' x 17'. Winning artists will be required to submit a high resolution file for the printing of their panel (300dpi and at least 5000 pixels on longest side). If you're unable to provide such an image, please do not enter.

2. Title each image with a number and your last name and provide the following text in the body of your email: Number, Title, Your Name, Medium, Size. Provide the addresses of any websites or social media accounts where more of your work can be seen. Include your mailing address and best phone number. You may add any additional info you feel is pertinent.

3. Submit by EMAIL ONLY to greatwallentry@gmail.com

4. Deviations from the these rules may cause your entry to be disqualified.

Deadline: Midnight, March 15th, 2021. Selections will be announced on or before April 1st.

We look forward to seeing your work.

Paul Plumadore, Jim Tindell Curators, The Great Wall of Honesdale



DEC Reminds Trappers of Extended Beaver Trapping Season Extended Season for Trappers in Central and Western New York

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded trappers about extended beaver trapping season dates for Central and Western New York. DEC extended the beaver trapping season

in these regions until April 7, 2021, after new regulations were enacted in November 2020.

"The extended trapping season will help increase opportunities for trappers while managing a healthy beaver population and reducing humanbeaver con-



flicts," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York has a long and strong tradition of furbearer trapping, and those who enjoy



and contribute to this tradition are vital partners managing these resources in a sustainable manner."

The beaver season date changes are part of a larger regulation change affecting mink, muskrat, and beaver trapping season dates in New York State.

DEC first proposed the changes following a 2017 survey of furbearer trappers and hunters about season timing preferences. Trappers and furbearer hunters indicated a preference for dates that would maximize pelt quality to promote wise, sustainable use of the abundant furbearer resources in New York. The new season dates will expand trapper opportunities in Central and Western New York, streamline water trapping dates, and more effectively manage the state's healthy beaver population. The full summary of changes is outlined below.

Beaver Trapping: Beaver trapping season throughout the entire Southern Zone (with the exception of New York City and Long Island) will now run from Nov. 10 through April 7. In the Northern Zone, the beaver trapping season is unchanged and is open from Nov. 1 through April 7. Please note that the printed version of the 2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide does not reflect the newly adopted season dates.

DVAA's Salon Series Goes on Location to Visit Artists Creating New Work The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series will

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series will debut a series of short-form documentaries spotlighting three local female artists as they create new works of art. Narrowsburg-based filmmaker Oriel Danielson will direct the series. Part documentary, part artist talk and demonstration, the series will be viewable online on DVAA's website, beginning on March 6.

The 2021 Salon Series includes Alexandra Climent, Christi Johnson, and Laurie A. Guzda.

Woodworker Alexandra Climent (Narrowsburg, NY) first discovered the powerful beauty of rare tropical hardwoods explor-



ing the jungles of Central and South America in 2009. Since then, she has dedicated her life to sustainably sourcing these woods and bringing them back to New York.

Textile artist Christi Johnson (Narrowsburg, NY) was raised in tropical

Florida and studied Fashion Design at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. After an artist residency at Textile Arts Center in NYC, Johnson moved to the Catskills and founded Mixed Color a textile studio that produces original garments and creates embroidered pieces on vintage garments.

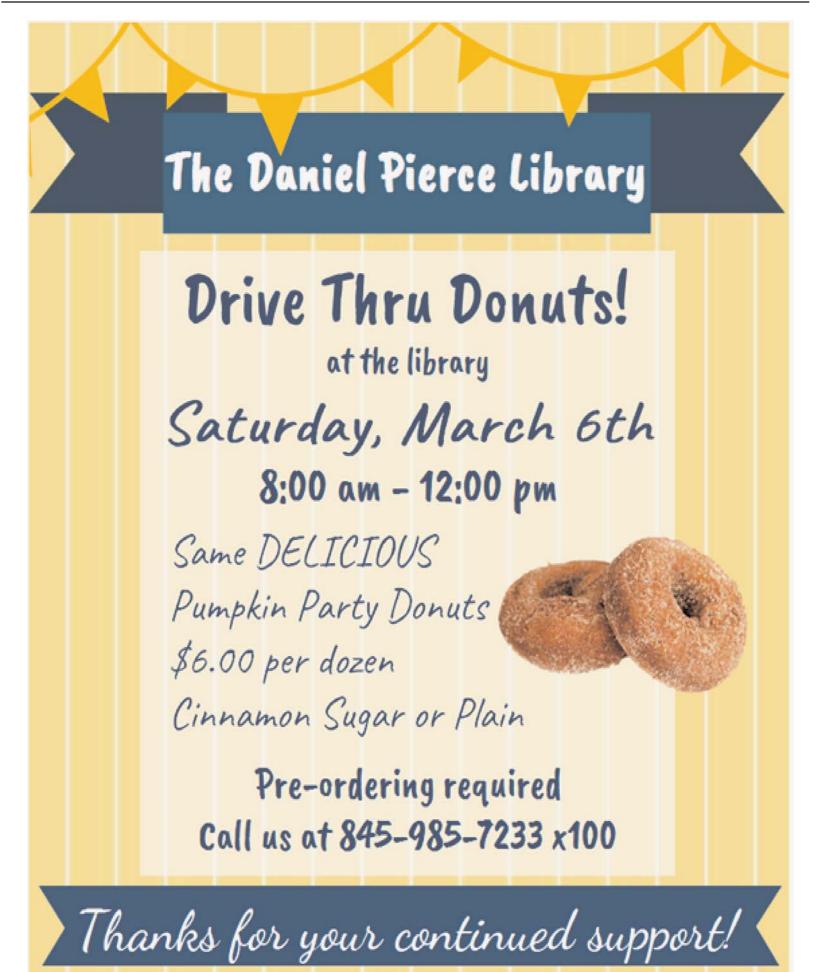
Laurie A. Guzda (Hawley, PA) is a mixed media artist, photographer, and writer who resides in the northeast Pocono Mountains. Guzda is a storyteller that uses a variety of mediums and has particular passion for using found objects.

Danielson visited each artist on location in their Upper Delaware Valley studio spaces, where they demonstrate their artmaking process from start to finish.

"While we are prevented from gathering for performances in DVAA's Krause Recital Hall as we traditionally do each year for the Salon Series, we invite you to join us as the Salon Series goes "on location" with a brilliant film maker to witness these three unique artists' practice within their creative spaces. Each are distinct in their medium, but all are connected by a shared reverence for the natural world." - Matt Carpenter, DVAA Performing Arts Director

About the filmmaker: Oriel Danielson's filmmaking journey started in Israel and continued in Stockholm and NYC. He's directed and edited dozens of short documentaries about art, culture and nature. Today, Danielson lives in Narrowsburg, makes films, reads theater, and writes poetry. Regarding his participation in the series, he notes "I am interested in the tactile relationship between artists and their work. My goal is to capture the process of creating an art piece in an authentic and intimate way". The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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Paul Somehow, Muni as Benito Juárez looks a little harder then what Benito Juarez actually was,. As far as carrying Lincoln's picture most probably that is creditable – who knows. Yet it is a fact that Juárez liked President Lincoln and his ideas.. Brian Aherne is surperb as Maximilian and Miss Bettie Davis as Empress Carlota gives a noticeable performance during the mad scene at her arrival to the French court collapsing before Napoleon and ministers.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES & TRIVIA it's history repeating itself on amazon prime" Juárez

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Benito Pablo Juárez García was a Mexican lawyer and politician, who served as the 26th president of Mexico from 1858 until his death in 1872. He was the first president of Mexico who was of indigenous origin. Born in Oaxaca to a poor Zapotec rural family and orphaned young, he moved to Oaxaca City at the age of 12 to go to school.



Directed by William Dieterle. Written by John Huston (screen play). Starring Bette Davis, Paul Muni, Brian Aherne, John Garfield, and Donold Crisp.

We believe that ethnic sameness of a charactor should be maintained to prserve reality. However, Mr. Muni's peformance captured the wit, Juarez's kindness for humanity, and the sincerity of the fearsome man named, Jaurez. (Contd. Pg. 32)



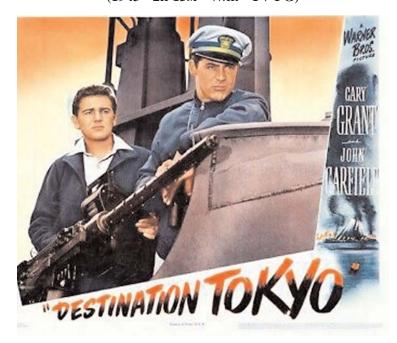
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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON TCM TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AT 10:15 PM

Destination Tokyo (1943 - 2H 15M - WAR - TV-PG)



A U.S. sub braves enemy waters during World War II. In order to provide information for the first air raid over Tokyo, a U.S. a submarine sneaks into Tokyo Bay and places a spy team ashore. Writers: Steve Fisher (original story). Delmer Daves (screen play). Directed by Delmer Daves. Starring, Cary Grant, John Garfield and Alan Hale



KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON TCM WEDNESDAY AT 12:45 am FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Air Force (1943 - 2h 4m - War - TV-G)



A B-17 bomber crew sees World War II action over the Pacific as Pearl Harbor is attaacked. Getting caught without ammunition they unexpectedally fly into the dastardally attack on Pearl Harbor. Directed by Howard Hawks. Starring John Ridgely, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy, Harry Carey and John Garfield.



Stay safe, May God Bless Knarf Odnamoe