

### SC Sheriff's Patrol teams up with NYS Forest Rangers to enforce regulations at the Claryville Fishing Access



The Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol teamed up with New York State Forest Rangers to enforce the regulations at the Claryville Fishing Access, this past weekend. The location has been the scene of many quality of life complaints involving parking, trash, loud radios and vandalism. Some of the illegal activity has been attributed to overflow from the nearby Blue Hole Forest area in Ulster County. Three patrons were cited for illegal campfires in the fishing access area on Saturday. In the photo (l to r) Sheriff's Lt. Paul Slavik, Forest Ranger Howard Kreft, Forest Ranger Lt. Kevin Slade and Deputy Sheriff Marcus Pratti.

# Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Announces 2022 Scholarship Awards



Nabiha Shah Jahan



Maritza Rivas Joya

Kiwanis of Woodridge awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors from the Fallsburg Central School District who are in good academic standing, have participated in community service, and will be attending a two or four year college, or a trade school. We met each recipient at Krieger Park in Woodridge to congratulate them and take photos. We are very proud to make public the recipients of our 2022 Annual Scholarships:



### Nabiha Shah Jahan of Woodbourne

whose love of mathematics will lead her to an Accounting major at either the SUNY Sullivan. The daughter of Mirza S. Baig and Farkhanda Begum, she is an outstanding student who worked hard to give back by participating in many activities to benefit the community. Congratulations Nabiha!

### Jonathan Espinoza of Woodridge, the son of Edgar and Jeannette Espinoza

will be majoring in Health Sciences at SUNY Sullivan with a desire to become a PA who will be able to assist pediatric physicians. An excellent student, Jonathan volunteered every year to give back to his community, working many times with the Allyson Whitney Foundation. Congratulations Jonathan!

**Maritza Rivas Joya** of South Fallsburg, daughter of Vilma S Joya Gutierrez, will be pursuing a career in nursing at St. John's University with the ultimate goal of becoming an obstretrician. Involved in many activities and clubs

throughout her school years, she is a hard worker dedicated to improving the lives of those in her community. Congratulations Maritza! (Contd. Pg. 11)

### THE TOWNSMAN

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### **OBITUARY**

Jesse W. Kinney of Hurleyville,



The son of Jesse A. and Shirley Bertholf Kinney, he was born December 30, 1969 in Liberty, NY.

Jesse worked construction for most of his life; he enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, racing snowmobiles and just being outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Trishia DeWitt Kinney of Liberty, NY; his parents Jesse A. and Shirley Kinney of Ferndale, NY; two sons, Jeremy Kinney of Alexandria, VA and Devin Kinney of Woodridge, NY; two daughters, Jessica Kinney and her significant other Corey Kavleski of Liberty, NY and Jorja Kinney of Liberty, NY; one brother, Darin Kinney and his significant other Terri Risko of Forestburgh, NY; two grandchildren, Aubree and Trevor; two nephews; his dear friend, Carrie Wood of Ellenville, NY; many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and his dog, Wrangler.

A visitation and funeral service was was held on July 14, 2022 from 3 to 5 PM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. Father Edward Bader will officiated.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

#### July 16, 1952

There was a wedding at the Lows Corners Parsonage on Sunday afternoon. Miss Doris M. Sheeley of Lackawack Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheeley, was married to Mr. Joseph Tompkins of Wawarsing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tompkins.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Van Dover Wednesday afternoon at the Ellenville Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and his name is Blair Alan.

Work was carried out on Friday and Saturday by the Town repairing the Sugarloaf Bridge that was damaged in the flood last week and repairing the road farther up. There still remain some parts that are badly washed out and almost impassable.

Hay that is adequately dry when put in the barn along with a complete system of lightning rods or cables in good condition on the barn, cuts down the danger of fires from spontaneous combustion and lightning.

#### July 11, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter of Grahamsville are going to hold an Open House on Sunday, July 15 from 3-7 p.m. The Walters will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Elisha A. Dean, 78, of Lackawack died on July 7th in Middletown. Born in Denning on December 2, 1883, he was the son of the late George F. and Viola Sheeley Dean. He was the husband of Mary E. Koegan Dean who survives.

Survivors besides his wife include 3 daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Lackawack, Mrs. Clara Eck of Ellenville and Mrs. Bernice Portz of Hurley; a brother Loron of Sundown and a sister, Cannie Sheeley of New Paltz.

Miss Florence Misner, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Misner of Woodbourne, will spend the coming year in France as an exchange student. She is a junior at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., and will take part in the Junior Year Abroad Program of Sweetbriar College.

#### July 19, 1972

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Agnew of Grahamsville who are the proud parents of a daughter born July 4th.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, 9yrs. on July 20th; and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, 13 yrs. on July 21st.

After a freakish electrical storm with torrential rain and a hail storm in the Peekamoose area this past Saturday, the temperature dropped down to 41 degrees. (Contd. Pg. 3)

# DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2) July 15, 1982

Dr. John Walter, president of Sullivan County Community College, announced recently that the college board of trustees has appointed Jack Gallagher to the position of Vice President and Dean of Faculty. He has been chairman of the social and behavioral sciences division at SCCC for the past 14 years.

Mr. Richard W. Schmitz of Woodbourne has been reassigned to Chanute A.F.B.in Illinois. There he will be retraining into Automatic Pilot Systems. He was promoted to Sergeant on June 1st. After completion of his school, Richard, his wife Melissa and daughter Tiffany will be coming to New York to visit his mother, June Schmitz and other relatives. While here he will attend his brother's wedding.

### Independent Auditors Affirm SC's Finances Are Stable

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's independent auditors informed legislators Thursday that County government's financial picture has improved and is now "stable," based on the results of their audit of the 2021 fiscal year.

"You did experience a pretty significant increase [in revenue] based on the sales tax primarily," noted Matthew Montalbo of Drescher & Malecki, a Buffalo-based accounting firm. "All in all, [this report is] an improvement from the prior year."

"I think the audit shows how hard we work every day to remain accountable in how we spend taxpayers' funds," County Treasurer Nancy Buck observed. "I particularly want to thank Shannan Armbrust and Lucrezia Anderson in my office for compiling the enormous amount of data the auditors sift through, and I thank the auditors themselves for their incredibly professional approach to this vitally important task."

"Our revenues significantly outpaced expenses last year, as shown by the audit, but I'd also like to note that we spent \$16 million LESS than what we budgeted for in 2021," added District 5 Legislator George Conklin, chair of the Legislature's Management & Budget Committee.

"With inflation and predictions of a recession, it's imperative that we stick to that kind of conservative approach," stated County Manager Josh Potosek. "We want to ensure our finances remain stable amidst whatever challenging conditions may come our way."

### Household Hint: Making Deviled Eggs for a Picnic?

When boiling eggs, add some vinegar to the water to prevent white from leaking out of a cracked egg.

### THE TOWNSMAN

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

### The Secret of a Bright Little Blossom

There is a another little plant in our backyards that doesn't deserve to be overlooked – Prunella vulgaris – commonly known as Self Heal or Heal All.



Most likely you have Self Heal growing in your lawn. It is that little unassuming purple flower that most of us cut down when mowing the lawns. But the fact is, that this little plant has a long history. Self-heal is an ancient medicine. Dating back 2,000years ago it is mentioned in Chinese medicinal literature. They used it to treat the liver, kidneys and skin problems. In medieval

Europe it was used to treat throat problems and skin conditions. Several Native American tribes used it to treat heart conditions, reduce fever, boils, cuts bruises and skin problems.

Because the plants are known to concentrate lead compounds and other pollutants, it is no longer recommended as a medicinal herb, especially if gathered near roadsides or polluted areas.

Self Heal is often used as erosion control along roadsides, streambanks and pond edges as it has the potential a perennial cover crop to provide a habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Self Heal is easily recognized by its erect, many-flowered spikes and associated, overlapping, hairy bracts.

Self Heal is a perennial that grows from short rhizomes or an enlarged solitary or clustered upright stem.

Typically this plant grows 4 to 10 inches in height although some native varieties may grow taller. It is a fibrous-rooted plant that grows from a root crown or short rhizome that thrives in loamy soil with high organic content. It especially prefers damp soils, yet can tolerate some drought conditions.

It is a member of the mint family. Like other members of the mint family (Lamiaceae), it has square stems and opposite leaves. The stems are generally un-branched, slightly hairy above, and may be solitary or clustered.

The flowers are arranged in a tight cluster 1 to 2 inches long by about 1 inch wide at the end of the stem. Within the cluster, the flowers are arranged in whorls of sixes, with each whorl above two spreading, pointed, leaf-like bracts. Flowers bloom progressively in the spike from the lower to upper end. Each tubular flower is about a half inch long and divided into two lips. The upper lip is light purple and functions as a hood, while the lower lip is whitish and fringed. The lower lip also has two lateral lobes that are smaller and light purple. The calyx is light green or reddish and quite hairy along the edges. The blossoms have no noticeable floral scent. The Self Heal generally blooms from mid to late summer. Each flower produces four tiny seeds, which are located in the calyx.

Self Heal will form a dense mat with small leaves when repeatedly mowed or grazed.

Today Self Heal is still considered a valuable addition to a wildflower meadow or butterfly garden. When planting Self Heal in your flower garden, you may want to consider the fact that it can become a bit 'weedy'.

But as far as weeds go, Self-Heal is one of the best as it provides food for many different insect species.

### JULY 21, 2022



# News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Your Parks and Rec has been busy with summer events

ummer! Your Parks and Rec has been busy with summer events and planning for the fall. Our Movies at the Fairgrounds have been happening every Thursday night. We've had some great movies so far, with many more planned. Movies coming up include Holes, The Mighty Ducks, The Goonies, The Lost City, Guardians of the Galaxy and Jurassic Park. For those folks that have attended our movie night, I want to thank you for your patience as we



ed our movie night, I want to thank you for your patience as we worked the kinks out. That screen is BIG and the speakers LOUD. Took a few times, but we finally got everything set up right so everyone can watch comfortably from their vehicles or seated on the grassy area, and they leave with their Hope hearing intact!

to see you all at our upcoming movie nights. Check our Facebook page for scheduling updates based on weather, etc.

Haley Springston, Rondout Neversink Stream Program Coordinator, and I were able to get two kayaking days scheduled this summer. Unfortunately, the first one was postponed due to possible storms. And while we love the rain, and we need the rain, being out on the reservoir in bad weather is not an enjoyable experience. We're hoping that Mother Nature works with us for our second planned day and our reschedule day, giving us that beautiful, warm summer days we love! We are also excited to be working with Tri-Valley School to schedule a special kayaking day for some of the students. More on that to follow in upcoming months.

Yoga is once again on the agenda for the summer months! LeeAnna Maniace, our instructor from last year, has agreed to be our instructor. LeeAnna, who teaches at the Yoga Space at the Hurleyville Art Center, is an incredible instructor. She not only has the patience for beginners (like me) but can work with all levels of yoga skills in our participants. The classes cost \$5 per session, payable directly to LeeAnna, and are being held on Monday and Wednesdays from 4 pm- 5pm. We usually have the classes on the grassy area at Town Hall-the area by the creek. However, we are looking for suitable "covered space" for when those wonderful storms spring up on us! Classes are open, and if you can't attend every class come when you can. The classes are for 18 years and older. If you are interested, please let me know at cwparksandrec@gmail.com that way I can include you in any changes to class schedule.

Our Grahamsville Little World's Fair is just around the corner. I for one can't wait!!! And Parks and Rec will once again sponsor the annual Scavenger Hunt, awarding bicycles as our grand prizes. The 'Hunt' will be on Saturday, August 20th from 10 am to 4 pm with the grand prize drawing at 5-ish on the center stage. It is for children ages 12 years or younger. And as with most of our events-IT IS FREE!. Just come to our Parks & Rec table, located behind the Fireman's Booth, to sign up, get your clues and your goodies, and head on out thru the Fair to find your answers. It's a fun time for young and old. And the best part is it takes you through the entire Fair, so you get to see everything our Little World's Fair offers.

Alex Dudek, from the Sullivan County Vet 2 Vet Program has been working very hard on the First Annual VETFEST which will be held at our Grahamsville Fairgrounds on October 22nd. The event will be free to all vets and their families and will include so many activities including a parade, music, vendors, food and several educational booths that will provide much needed information to our vets. It will be an exciting day for everyone. More information will be provided in the upcoming months on this great and much needed event!

Planning for our Stargazing Night at the Fairgrounds is in the works. We are looking at having this event in October, which according to all astrological reports, is the best time to see all the different stars and constellations. We will keep you updated on this as we work thru the details.

One of our Parks and Rec board members had a great idea that we need your input on. She suggested we have a COMMUNITY COOKOFF. The thought is to have various cookoff/bakeoff categories, have members from our community participate with their favorite recipes, and have members of our community taste and vote on the best in each category. We are thinking of a junior level and adult level in the categories. Again, this is still in the infant development stages, which is why we NEED YOUR INPUT! Let us know if you think this is a good idea. You can reach out to us at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.

One finally note before I close. CONGRATULATIONS to our board members Janine Garigliano and Jennifer Pisaniello who will be welcoming new additions to their family later this year!!!!

Keep reading your *Townsman* and keep checking our Facebook page for additional information on upcoming events. Any questions send them to cwparksandrec@gmail.com. And as always, be safe, stay healthy, and most of all be happy.

# Kalmann Mysterious Book Report No. 499

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

*Kalmann*, (Bitter Lemon Press, PB, \$16.95, 300 pages, ISBN 978-1-913394-68-4), by Joachim B. Schmidt, and translated by Jamie Lee Searle, is by far the most unusual, unique and unforgettable novel of this summer's reading season. Already a best-seller in Europe, it's a carefully plotted and well-written murder mystery that takes place in a remote corner of Iceland . . . at the tiny dying settlement of Raufarhöfn, where, like Steinbeck's "Cannery Row," the fish are gone but a few stubborn residents refuse to move on. There, we meet the self-appoint-

ed sheriff of the tiny enclave and the endearing narrator of this noirish tale; a mentally handicapped thirty-four year-old named Kalmann Odinsson, a man who hunts Arctic foxes and catches giant Greenland sharks for a living . . . a character who will touch your heart . . . right from the first page. Kalmann is



mocked by the villagers, while at the same time, loved for his naïveté and philosophical observations, but never taken seriously. He's a man without pretentions –a man looking for a wife –a man who calls it as he sees it, without varnish or embellishment.

As the novel begins, Kalmann is out on the tundra at the request of the school principal, hunting an Arctic fox he's named "Schwartkopf," when he discovers a pool of blood in the snow. He returns to town with blood on his hands and reports his findings. That's when, in his own words "I got nervous, I felt guilty, even though I hadn't broken any laws and hadn't killed anyone. Regardless. I braced myself for trouble."

The blood in the snow turns out to be that of a local entrepreneur named Robert MacKenzie and the town soon fills up with police and reporters as a massive manhunt begins. Kalmann is never directly accused of murder, but the reader can't help but feel that he's strongly suspected as the novel unspools to its shattering conclusion. Kalmann is a character with a story and a personality that will reach out and touch the reader in ways not felt since Forrest Gump first went to Vietnam. A terrific book club selection, word-of-mouth, as more folks discover, read and discuss *Kalmann*, in our opinion, is destined to make it a classic, and one for the ages!!!

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# Sullivan County Housing Study: Complete the Survey by July 31

What do you think of the state of housing in Sullivan County? Too little? Too much? Too pricey? Too dilapidated?

Sullivan County is seeking your input on current and future housing needs through an online open house hosted at *http://www.sullivan-housingstudy.org*. Read about the challenges of finding affordable housing in the County, then fill out the survey! The open house lasts through July 31.

This is part of a Countywide housing needs assessment to analyze the current and future state of housing, predict upcoming needs throughout the community for those most impacted, and develop a plan to implement the resulting recommendations.

Any questions can be directed to Sullivan County Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Community Development

Jill Weyer at 845-807-0527 or at jill.weyer@sullivanny.us.

"Whether it's someone just starting out in life seeking a rental apartment or a growing family needing a larger home, people are finding the housing market a challenging place," acknowledges Weyer. "County leaders are very much interested in seeing what we as County government can do to help people find affordable places to live. But to do that, we need the public's help!"



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# The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda **Hot Days of Summer**



They say a picture is worth thousand a words. Here are some photos that speak vol-umes. We are so lucky to live in Olive and enjoy Davis Park, one of our three parks, that has a pool with a view. Picture me treading

water, swimming laps, doing my PT exercises, and floating as I gaze up to the puffy clouds or bask and dream below the mountain panorama.







# Upstate Art Weekend in 8 Counties Including Sullivan and Ulster

More than 100 art exhibits and projects will be available to view throughout Sulivan, Ulster, Orange, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, and Putnam counties this coming weekend, from July 22-24, 2022. Over 50 artists will be opening their studios to the public from 12 pm to 6 pm.

The vision of founder, Helen Toomer combined with the talented Project Manager, Haley Carloni, is a three-day self directed celebration of the 'cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York'.

See their map and customize your own UPSTATE ART WEEKEND google map at:

#### https://upstateartweekend.org/map

You may join their mailing list and follow @upstateartweekend to receive updates and 2023 applications. All inquiries can be directed to upstate@stoneleafretreat.com.

'UPSTATE ART WEEKEND is about community, collaboration, art and the outdoors, which are essential to our well-being. We are thrilled for our third year and cannot wait to connect more visitors with the arts Upstate.' Helen Toomer.



# DEC Tracking New Threat to Beech Trees Public Encouraged to Report Potential Beech Leaf Disease Infections

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that Beech Leaf Disease



(BLD), which affects all species of beech trees, was identified in 35 counties in New York State to date. DEC began tracking BLD in 2018 after it was confirmed in Chautauqua County. Fourteen of the counties with BLD were confirmed in 2022, and more are likely to be identified.

"Many American beech trees are already heavily impacted by beech bark disease, but

Beech Leaf Disease appears to be an even bigger threat," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The decline of beech in New York could have far-reaching consequences, including significant changes to the composition of our northern hardwood forests and the loss of a valuable food source for wildlife. Beech Leaf Disease affects all beech, so the impacts would also be felt in our urban forests where ornamental beech trees,



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including the popular copper beech cultivar, are widely used for landscaping and street trees."

Much is still unknown about BLD, including how it spreads, but it can kill mature beech trees in six to 10 years and saplings in as little as two years. There is no known treatment for infected trees. BLD symptoms are associated with the nematode Litylenchus crenatae mccannii. It is unknown whether the nematode causes all of the damage, or if it is in association with another pathogen such as a virus, bacteria, or fungus.

DEC is working with the Cornell Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, the U.S. Department of

Agriculture Forest Service, neighboring states, and New York's Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs) to survey for new infections, track disease progression using long-term monitoring plots, and investigate the nematode's role in the disease. More information is needed to develop an effective treatment.

DEC's Forest Health Diagnostic Lab is experiencing a recent surge in requests for BLD diagnosis and treatment options as landowners begin to notice a rapid decline in the health of their beech trees. Most of the reports are from Suffolk and Westchester counties where BLD is wide-spread. DEC is asking the public to submit reports through NYimapInvasives if they encounter a beech tree showing signs of BLD, especially for counties where BLD has not yet been confirmed.

The main symptom to look for on beech foliage is darkened striping between the veins, which is best seen when looking up through the canopy. Leaves with severe symptoms can be heavily banded and crinkled, with a thickened leathery texture.

At this time there are no specific recommendations for managing trees that are infected with BLD, however, DEC encourages the public to report potential BLD infections using iMapInvasives to help track the disease while research is ongoing.

For more information about beech leaf disease, visit DEC's website. For more information on iMapInvasives, visit the NYimapInvasives website. For questions about potential tree pests or pathogens, email photos and a description to foresthealth@dec.ny.gov.



### Donut Worry-Be Happy in the Sullivan Catskills

If there's one thing we can guarantee when you visit our legendary Sullivan Catskills, it's that you won't leave hungry. Our inventive chefs, bakers, short order cooks will make sure of that. So, book your stay at a full-service hotel, vacation rental, charming country inn, B&B, hotel, or campground. Then pack up your peeps and come enjoy a festival of flavors.

Activate your taste buds for a Catskill-icious starting time Thursday at Kenoza Hall where this and every Thursday from 5-7 pm it's Frites Night on The Bluestone featuring frites, drinks and live music! If your crew likes BBQ, try Seminary Hill Cidery for the Thursday Night Family Dinner from 4 - 9pm where the view is almost as good as Chef Tippet's chicken, pulled pork and barbeque plate. Any day at the Neversink General Store's is good for great food and on weekends, the **BBQ Shed** is a good day for pulled pork, ribs, or brisket. **Chef Jamie** never disappoints. Did someone say bagels? Go get yourself some delightfully delicious Grizzly Bagels in Callicoon starting on Friday mornings at 9. You won't be sorry. How about a sweet breakfast? Donut Worry... Mountaindale's Forage and Gather hosts a Donut Popup on Sunday starting at 11 am- until they're gone. We're guessing they'll go quickly.

Check out Sullivan County Visitors Association (SCVA) Facebook page for events and their website calendar for more arts and cultural events and other fun happenings. NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

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Plan Ahead:

Alanis Morissette at Bethel Woods with special guest Garbage - July 19 Yes Yes Yes - Hurleyville Pride - July 23 at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre The Callicoon Country Fair - July 23 32nd Annual Riverfest in Narrowsburg - July 24 MusicTalks at Catskill Art Society - An evening with Composer in Residence, Hannah Kendall - July 28 at 7:30 pm

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# Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains. Go to webpage for more information:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.html For Sundown Wild Forest go to: https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75346.html Hike Smart NY https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28708.html National Weather Service https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=42.0842&lon=-74.3166#.YrXXCm4pAWq Summit Weather Conditions: https://www.weather.gov/aly/mountain Tick Information: https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/111538.html The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

No column this week. See you next week!

# **Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello Plan Bus Trips**

The Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning some fun-filled bus trips in the next few months, as follows:

• Wed., Aug. 17th - Day on your own Trip to NYC on luxury bus. \$40 members; \$45 for non-members • Wed., Sept. 7th - Walking Tour of Lower East Side with professional guide. Stops include Bialystocker and Eldridge St. Synagogues, Pickle Man, Forward Newspaper Factory, Henry St. Settlement. Buy your own lunch and picnic on the waterfront facing Brooklyn. \$65/person including bus, guide and admissions.

• Mon., Sept 12 - Fri, Sept. 16 - Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, VA.

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 845-794-2314.

# **Our Native Pollinators at** Olive Free Library Join us on Saturday, July 30th, at 10:30 a.m. for a presenta-

tion on Our Native Pollinators and how we can help them thrive in our community. This is an in- person event at the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY.

#### No registration is required. This program is FREE.

Many people know how important non-native honeybees are to our food supply. But because native pollinators don't serve the needs of Big Agriculture, we often don't hear about them. As a result, we may be unaware of how important native pollinators are to our food systems and ecosystems. They face the same environmental stresses as non-native honeybees.

In this program with second-generation beekeeper and Town of Olive resident Rob Overton, we will learn about our local native pollinators and what we can do to help them. We hope you can join us!

Rob Overton learned beekeeping from his father, Bob, who was a sideliner beekeeper with 100+ hives, as well as a founding member and president of the Ulster County Beekeepers Association.

In 2014, Rob started the Hudson Valley Hives group that currently meets every month-at the Olive Free Library or at members' apiaries. The love of beekeeping continues with Rob's son Blake, who created an indoor observation hive at the Olive FreeLibrary as his eagle scout project. This is the first observation hive installed in the MHLS! Rob has continued to maintain the hive, and children and adults alike love to see the bees working in the hive.

# Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. Announces 2022 Scholarship Awards

(From Pg. 1)

Josie A. Galeas Irabeta of Woodridge, the son of Greyssy Irabeta and Jose Galeas, he will be attending SUNY Orange to study Radiology with the goal of becoming an X-ray Technician. His volunteer service is exemplary, and he is also an outstanding athlete. Congratulations, Josie

Kyle Tremper of Woodridge, the son of Aaron and Cheryl Tremper, will be majoring in mathematics at SUNY New Paltz with the goal of becoming a math teacher. His work ethic and community involvement made him a perfect choice to be awarded a Kiwanis of Woodridge scholarship. The scholarship money Kyle received was donated in honor and in memory of Ralph Rappaport, a former FCSD school board member, by his wife Rachel and daughters Lynne and Debby. Congratulations, Kyle!



Josie A. Galeas Irabeta

Kyle Tremper We wish all these wonderful students great success in all their future endeavors!

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# Family & Community Chat 2022

# Meet Erin Long Tri-Valley Superintendent

# Update on Federal & State Grants & Open Discussion

Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 am - Room 50

Wednesday, July 27 at 6:00 pm - Secondary

Library

OR

# Join Virtually <u>here</u>

meet.google.com/yre-fmff-hmh Or dial: (US) +1 617-675-4444 PIN: 575 756 492 0467#



# Happenings in our Gneighborhood –Gnorman the Roamin' Catskill Gnome

Once again, our weekend started at the **Indoor Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall.** This week we left with the car quite full. If you missed last week's bargains and treasures at the **Indoor Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall,** no problem the **Yard Sale** will continue **every Friday and Saturday** from 9 to 12 noon until further notice.

And don't forget **Sundown residents** ---if you are planning on having a **Yard Sale** this summer, let us know. Send us an email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com with your dates, address of sale, etc. and we will **post your yard sale** in the **Townsman** for as long as you wish (no charge!!). Or you can also stop at the **Indoor Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall** on Friday or Saturday and pick up a copy of the instructions. Just fill it out and send it to us by snail mail: **The Townsman**, PO Box 232, Grahamsville,

NY 12740 or 131 Peekamoose Road, Sundown, NY 12740. Gnorman and Gnorma are hoping to make Sundown the 'Smallest town with the most number of Yard Sale happenings'. Anything is possible! Who would have ever thought so many would travel from all over the world to take the chilling plunge in the Blue Hole? Just a thought...who knows?

The Covered Dish Dinner on Saturday nights are always was fun and delicious. Great enrees and the yummy desserts ! Mark you calend for the next next Covered Dish Supper that will be Saturday, August 6 at 5:30 pm at the Sundown Church Hall.

And of course we went to the Thrift Sale at the Grahamsville UMC. By the time we left there, you couldn't fit a feather in our car. We left with great arts and craft items, a huge remote control red Jeep for one of the grand kids, a little wooden rocking chair and a whole lot more. Mark your calendars - Thrift Sale, Saturday, July 23 from 9 am to 12 Noon and <u>luncheon</u> in the church a hall from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Again, a variety of delicious home made food will be served.

Reminder: You can download and print out your own copy of the Neversink Barn Quilt brochure at: https://townofneversink.org/barn\_quilts\_brochure.pdf

If you are up for the weekend, don't forget before leaving back home to head up to the **Neversink General Store** to fill the tank up. Their price for gas is the best bargain we have found in Sullivan, Ulster and Orange Counties! The price per gallon is considerably less than other stations we have passed in our travels. Not only do they have gas for your car, lawn mowers and generators (when the power goes out), the Neversink General Store also can fill your BBQ tanks up so you don't run out for you backyard 4th of July BBQ. And if you don't feel like cooking, **Neversink General Store** also has a great menu. You can eat inside or outside, or take it with you. The **BBQ Shed** is opened on weekends! If you are health conscious, this is the place for you. They have a great selection of wholesome home made food. Speaking of good food, if you are planning an event, call them at 845.985.2076 and speak to them about catering your event.

Not sure how a gnome would fit in, but they now have **Pilates Classes** on Wednesday at 5 pm. Interested? Register inside the **Neversink General Store.** The classes are held in the "pop up gallery" where you will notice the beautiful masterpieces on the walls by local world-known artist, **Joerg Madelaner.** Speaking of artists, they also have the creations of several local artisans for sale at the **Neversink General Store.** 

If you are in the Grahamsville area, stop by the **Grahamsville Deli**. Enjoy their new bright and cheery makeover. Their food is great and they also have the 'staples' and more. Remember to ask about their special –"**The Sundown**"!

And don't forget the beautiful **Russian Mule in** Claryville. Not only do they offer their special crafted beers, their menu serves to suit all of your taste buds. Delicious and served by the most friendly people in the Catskills! You may eat in, eat outside and enjoy the beautiful gardens or take your food to go. The **Russian Mule** will have live music every Saturday. **Russian Mule** summer hours are: Thursdays 3-8 PM; Fridays 3-8 PM; Saturdays 12-8 PM; and Sundays 12-6 PM.

**Neversink Parks and Recreation movie** this week, July 21, will be *Holes* (PG). You can sit in your car like the 'old days', or bring your own blanket or chairs to watch the **movie** on the **big screen** at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Thursday evenings (weather permitting). See Page 19 for times, dates and movies.

Once you visit **Time in the Valleys Museum** in **Grahamsville**, you will want to go back again and again! **Time and the Valleys Museum** is a **living and interactive resource** that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. Located behind the Museum, the new **1930s Lost Catskill Farm** tells the story of farmers who were forced to give up their land to build NYC's water system. Period buildings include a farm house, outhouse, milk house and workshop powered by a working waterwheel. An 1870's barn was painstakingly disassembled and reassembled on site, and visitors can also see an original 1930's power plant.

The Museum is located in Sullivan County, on State Rte. 55 in Grahamsville. It is easily reached by taking State Rte. 55 west from State Rte. 209 in Ellenville, from Liberty by State Rte. 55 east to Grahamsville and from Monticello by State Rte 42.

Open: Saturdays & Sundays 12pm to 4pm. Other days and times by appointment. For maps of local tours provided by the Time in the Valleys Museum go: to: *https://www.timeinthevalleysmuseum.org/Driving-tours/* Keep watching *The Townsman* for upcoming events this summer.

If you need a unique gift item –an exotic succulent plant, a cactus, house plant, perennials, annual or a beautiful patio plant make an appointment to see some beauties at **Story's Neversink Plant Co.** Visit their site at *http://StorysNeversinkPlantCo.com* or give them a call at: (845) 985-5071 or (267) 246-7558.

And don't forget one of the most enjoyable of all places in town, the **Daniel Pierce Library**. Gloss through the pages of *The Townsman* and you will see all the opportunities they are offering this summer, or just browse the shelves for a good book or get some real bargains under the big tent.

Remember, you don't have to burn a tank of gas -all this is in our in our own backyards!

Enjoy all that you can and have a great week!

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### **Rainy Summer** Day Pan of S'mores

9 Honey Grahams, broken crosswise in half (18 squares), divided 36 J Marshmallows, cut crosswise in half, divide in 2 4 Milk Chocolate Bars, (1.55 oz. each), chopped

Instructions

Heat oven to 350°F.

Place 9 graham squares in single layer on bottom of 8-inch square pan; top with 36 marshmallow halves. Sprinkle with chopped chocolate. Cover with remaining graham squares.

Top with remaining marshmallow halves, cut sides down.

Bake 9 to 11 min. or until marshmallows are puffed and golden brown. Let stand 5 min. before serving.



Answer on page 23

To play SUDOKO online: https://sudoko.com

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Follow the dots to see what you might sit around on a summer night.



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# 32nd Annual Riverfest Street Festival Celebrating Art, Music, & Ecology



Summer is here, and we are counting the days until the DVAA's 32nd annual Riverfest on Main Street in Narrowsburg! This street festival features a Dog Parade, Art Poster Auction, Artisan Market. Live Performances, Kids Activities, and much more. Attracting far-flung visitors with a full day of art and activities surrounded by breathtaking scenery in the picturesque river town of Narrowsburg, this free event will take place on Sunday, July 24th, from 10 am to 4 pm, rain or shine.

The day starts at 10 am with the return of River Dogs on Parade. Emceed by Kevin McDonough, who will be providing colorful commentary, this is a "don't miss opportunity" for your pup (or faux pup) to strut their stuff before a panel of judges, Greg Triggs, Donna Fellenberg, and Dean Scharf as well as a jubilant crowd. Register your dog in advance (\$10) by calling DVAA at (845) 252-7576 or sign up at 9 am in front of Narrowsburg Feed & Grain. This year's Riverfest will

feature over 45 Artisan

Market Booths with handcrafts in wood, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, and stone, and fine art mediums of printmaking, photography, sculpture, and painting. Riverfest also gives visitors a chance to learn about our community's environmental and service organizations with booths for many local non-profits. The DVAA will once again host a kids' activity tent where creative youth can craft their very own Riverfest posters.

The Riverfest Poster Auction, the centerpiece of the day, takes place at 1 pm on the main stage. Over 60 original, one-of-akind posters created by local artists will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Artworks will be displayed in DVAA's gallery window and storefronts up and down Main Street. Catch a preview of the art posters online and begin bidding in advance of the live auction. For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/riverfest. Proceeds support DVAA's programs in the visual arts and participating artists.

Narrowsburg comes alive with Live Performances throughout the day. In the morning, families are invited to a swashbuckling show of sea chanteys by The Royal Yard from 11 am - 12 pm. Then, at 12:30 pm, Farm Arts Collective performs their unique blend of street theater on Main Street with a production of 'Dream on the River.' Following the live Poster Auction, we'll all be dancing in the street to Latin Rhythms with DJ Jamie and the Matt Hernandez Dance Studio Dancers.

No Riverfest is complete without grabbing a bite and a drink! Visitors are treated to delicacies and inventive foods ranging from classic sausage & peppers, and seafood plates to newer offerings like 'tartes flambées' and spaetzle. Traditional street fair favorites will be on hand with plenty to satisfy your sweet tooth like cupcakes and funnel cakes. Plus, Narrowsburg's spectacular eateries will be open for business throughout the day.

We are thrilled to welcome back JEFF Bank as Riverfest's 2022 Sponsor and WJFF Radio Catskill as our Media Sponsor. Additional support comes from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, DVAA's members, our 2022 Business Supporters, and individuals.

### **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES** Town of Fallsburg Request Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts

Due to a significant shortfall of precipitation and excessive consumption of potable water. We are asking district residents to substantially reduce their water consumption.

To this end, we urge all residents, businesses, and stakeholders to reduce your water consumption voluntarily. Please take note all operators and owners of swimming pools within the water district shall have their pools filled on or before June 20 of each summer season

Refrain from using the Town water system to water any lawn, ornamental shrubs, plant, or tree except between 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and only if watering is essential when watering would be appropriate.

We believe if each of us in town follows the voluntary requests above and the recommendations in the attached graphic, it will help substantially reduce water consumption in our town.

If consumption is not substantially reduced voluntarily, the Town government will have no choice but to consider mandatory water use restrictions.

We thank you in advance and invite you to speak with the Town Leadership if you have any questions 845-434-8810 x5.



# Cash awards are available and you may be eligible!



If you were financially impacted by COVID-19, you may be eligible for cash assistance.

Youth who are in and were in foster care have experienced numerous challenges including:

- Housing/homelessness
- Transportation issues
- Utility expenses
- Technology barriers
- Child care challenges

Awards will be distributed on a first come first serve basis until September 30, 2022 or until

· Food insecurity

exhausted.

Your Age Range	When to Apply		
Out of care: 18 and up to 23	July 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022*		
In care: 18 and up to age 21	Feb. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2022		

'If you are 22, DO NOT DELAY. In order to process your ap need to complete your application by September 15, 2022 on for direct cash you would

# **Full Time Residents Only Proof of Denning** residency required

**ONE** kit per household (2 tests) Signature required

**Ulster County** is tracking distribution

# **Tri-Valley School Board Meetings**

Special Meeting #2, for Thursday, July 21, 2022, start time approximately 6:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level

August 11, 2022 **Executive Session 6 pm** Public Meeting 7 pm **Secondary School Library** Lower Level

# Medical expenses

- · Loss of employment/reduced hours · Serious illness of youth or family
- Financial instability

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Please Take Notice:

Covid-19 Home

**Test Kits** 

are available at

Town of Denning Town Hall

1567 Denning Road

Clarwille, NY

Mondays through Thursdays

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

until they are gone.

Call (845) 985-2411 for more

information.



# **Fallsburg CSD Prepares for New School Year**

Dear Fallsburg Community,

The Fallsburg Central School District is spending time this summer preparing to welcome a new school year with brand new possibilities. To start with, the Board of Education held its reorganizational meeting on July 6, 2022, and there is new leadership at the helm. The newly elected board president for the 2022-23 school year is Mr. Michael Weiner, a longtime board member and a retired teacher with the district. The newly elected board vice-president is Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, board member and Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Fallsburg. This new leadership along with all 9 members of the board of education is looking forward to another successful year in the name of district improvements at all levels. We begin this school year thanking our voters for supporting our budget and noting that our budget had an actual tax levy decrease of 1.67%. The board had a goal of balancing school district needs with what taxpayers could afford. This falls in line with several years of exceptionally low tax levies for the Fallsburg Central School District.

In terms of student successes in the 2021-22 school year, the district saw substantial increases in marking period to marking period grades for students as compared to the 2020-21 school year where student grades dropped significantly. As a result, the board of education opted to self-fund an after-school tutorial program last year and that seemed to help with a lower number of course failures from the previous school year. The after-school tutorials focused on supporting students in the various academic areas with certified teachers.

The District plans to continue the trend of student academic success in the new school year. Part of the upward trend in student opportunities for success includes new academic pathways in partnerships with SUNY Sullivan College (formerly Sullivan County Community College) and Siena College. These pathways will, in the very near future, allow students who participate, to graduate high school with an associate degree from SUNY Sullivan or with credits towards a degree for students who continue studies with Siena College.

We also had new opportunities for school community engagement last year with two very successful events. We had a winter ice-skating event in March and a Family Engagement Day in May. These events were part and parcel of revitalized commitments to improve school community relations. We anticipate and we are working towards additional family engagement events in the new school year.

Here is wishing everyone in the school community a successful new school year.

Ivan Katz

# **Eighteenth Annual Fallsburg Alumni Association Reunion**

When the Fallsburg Central School District Alumni Association (FAA) gets together, the event is overflowing with good feelings and celebration of the Town as well as the schools. Saturday, July 16, 2022, seemed extra special. Every award presented truly honored good people that have made a difference in Fallsburg as graduating seniors and distinguished alumni.

With each presentation, the presenters spoke beautifully about the kindness, compassion and intention of par-



FAA President Regina McKenny-Snead presenting an FAA Award to Kaitlyn Cross

ticipating in the school and in volunteer activities outside the school of the graduates honored. Three students received FAA Award Scholarships. Kaitlyn Cross, Musa Dumbuya, and Josie Galeas Iraheta expressed their gratitude to the teachers and staff, and, most emotionally for their parents in attendance. Jonathan Espinoza and Jennifer Santos were unable to attend, and they composed heartfelt appreciative letters of thanks that were read by Jonathan's Aunt Theresa Trujillo and Sue Kasofsky, respectively.

The Sheryl Kalter Memorial Award went to two deserving seniors, who embodied the values of love, scholarship and commitment to the community that Sheryl held throughout her life. Ana Dell'aquila accepted the award as a great honor and to devote her education to those same values.

Isabel Cruz acknowledged the Sheryl Kalter Award in a moving letter read by Sue Kasofsky.

Arlene Hussey, retired teacher, long-time Board of Education member and mother of the late and

beloved Robynne Anderman presented the award in Robynne's name to Kyle Tremper. Arlene knew Kyle Tremper since he was a baby. So, it was very emotional for her to present Kyle with the Robynne Anderman Award. Kyle remembered Ms. Anderman and the kindness she showed every day at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. When Arlene Hussey and Kyle embraced, the love filled the space.

Kyle was not seated for very long after his acceptance speech because Eileen Kalter was introducing him to return and accept the FAA Award in



Award recipients Kyle Tremper and Josie Galeas Iraheta.



FHS Hall of Fame. The event was held in the Main Lobby right in front of the HOF display. Jack's smiling face reflected the happiness at the choice of Kyle Tremper for this honor.

The three members of the Fallsburg Community that were honored are all outstanding contributors to the Town. The FAA Committee chose well when they presented the Retired FCSD Staff Award to Mike Weiner. His service to the school, to the Town of Fallsburg Planning Board and Town Board, and currently as President of the Board of Education has been beyond exemplary. Fellow BOE member Renee Kates read the reasons for how deserving Mike is of the award. FAA Recording Secretary Mona Bogan wrote the words. She had to miss the event because of illness.

The two additional Honorees among the Alumni were Robert Kaplan and Terence Duncan, who earned the Alumnus Award and Lawrence Kotin Award, respectively. Kaplan has served on numerous community-related governing and agency organization since he graduated. Presently, he is Treasurer of the Fallsburg Lions Club. The late Fallsburg alumnus Lawrence Kotin devoted his life to serving children with special needs and being their advocate. Terence Duncan embodies these ideals as he now serves as Assistant VP of Program Operations at Loch Sheldrake's New Hope Community. All three alumni recipients expressed humility, gratitude for the FAA and their Alma Mater, and the great support of their families.

What a perfect day of celebration and appreciation for selfless service and the values of devoted educators and learners! The future is bright for the seniors continuing their education and for the alumni that will continue to serve the special educational needs of the Town of Fallsburg and beyond.



# The House of Prayer Open to the Community

# At the Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Every Friday Night 6:30 – 7:30 PM (Start on June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Simple Rules 1. Do no Harm. 2. Do good. 3. Stay in love with God. The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will open their Sanctuary every Friday evening from 6:30-7:30 PM to offer our community a quiet place for personal meditation and prayer. No expectations. Just relaxation.

### **Contact Information –**

350 Main St. (Po Box 86) Grahamsville, NY, 12740 Phone : 845-985-2283 E-mail : grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com





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or visit our Virtual Mall

http://gnomehomeinc.com

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Classes take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on July 14, 21, 28 and August 4 at the ATI office, 309 E. Broadway in Monticello. Additional classes are being planned and will be announced at a later date.

The classes are free, but registration is required. Call **845-794-422**8 today, and start on your way to a smarter digital profile.

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

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

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### LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/19//22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm7/21/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 7/21/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
- 7/22/22 Sundown UMC Indoor Yard Sale 9am 12 noon
- 7/2322 Sundown UMC Indoor Yard Sale 9am 12 noon
- 7/23/22 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon Luncheon 11 am 12:30 pm
- 8/2/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8/3/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8/6/22 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
- 8/9/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 8/10/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm

8/21/22 Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon

### Save the Date! 142nd Grahamsville Little World's Fair - Aug. 19-21, 2022

### 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</u> <u>preceding the second</u> <u>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.

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

### Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of

<u>July 18 – July 22, 2022</u>

Monday, July 18

**6:00 PM – Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, July 19

**5:00 PM – Special Meeting of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY

**5:15 PM – Ways & Means Committee**, in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY

**6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) – Democrat & Republican Caucuses**, in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY

7:05 PM – Public Hearing: Pursuant to Section 1411(d) of the Not-for-Profit Law of the State of New York Regarding the Sale and/or Transfer of County Owned Property, in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY

7:15 PM – Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2022 (Adopting Amendments To The New York State Public Officer's Law §103, Expanding The Use Of Videoconferencing At Public Meetings), in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY

**Immediately following the Public Hearings – Legislative Session**, in the Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, NY. The Public Hearings and Legislative Session are also available via vimeo Livestream at: <u>https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203</u>. Public Comment is also offered by "Call In Studio" Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may also be submitted to the Clerk via email to: vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

### Wednesday, July 20

**9:00** AM – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, July 21\_

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

### Friday, July 22

12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

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for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")- \$6.00 per week Business card ad ( 2" x 3") - \$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" × 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" × 5") -\$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") -\$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer - 8"x10 -\$100.00/week •• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations - one time fee-\$20.00

(once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through to the week of the event) As in the past, there is no fee for

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# Grahamsville United Methodist Church

# Saturday, July 23, 2022 9 am - 12 noon

# Luncheon 11 am - 12:30 pm

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222). http://grahamsvilleumc.org • grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Thift Building 356 Main St Grahamsville, NY





### YOUR TOWN OF NEVERSINK PARKS & REC PRESENTS: "MOVIE NIGHT AT THE GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

WHEN: Thursday Nights starting <u>JUNE 23 until September 1-unless it is</u> raining or windy, then the movie will be rescheduled!

WHAT TIME: Movies will start between <u>8:30 pm and 9 pm</u> based on sunlight!

WHERE: On the Fairgrounds grassy area by the Pavilion. Space will be available for watching from your vehicle AND for watching from your lawn chairs, blankets, etc.

CONCESSIONS: We are hoping to get food & drink (non-alcoholic) sold by our youth organizations BUT feel free to bring your own munchies!

GUIDELINES: We will adhere to ALL park rules set by the Town of Neversink. Disorderly conduct will result in removal from the Fairgrounds.

COST: Its FREE!!!!!

WHAT WILL BE SHOWING (check our Facebook page for detail info on each movie)

JULY 21 - HOLES - PG AUGUST 4 - The Mighty Ducks - PG	AUGUST 25 - The Goonies - PG SEPT. 1 - The Lost City - PG 13
If no conflicts at the Fairgrounds the follow	ing movies will be scheduled for FRIDAYS:

# THEATER AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

WITH ARM OF THE SEA THEATER

CALL FOR STUDENT ACTOR VOLUNTEERS!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS TO PERFORM WITH THE AWARD-WINNING ARM OF THE SEA THEATER & PERFORMANCE Saturday, Sept 3 11AM-3PM

REHEARSAL

@ THE GRAHAMSVILLE Fairgrounds



-LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED! -NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED -NO LINES TO MEMORIZE -PROPS & COSTUMES PROVIDED! -MUST BE 11 & OLDER TO PARTICIPATE 10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# **INTERESTED? WANT TO LEARN MORE? READY TO SIGN UP?**

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## UPDATE to 2ND Annual Ulster County I Voted Sticker Design Contest

Our I voted stickers are a popular conversation this year! As we continue to find ways of showing our voting pride and inspiring our neighbors to vote we have stumbled upon a viral opportunity. For the second year, the Ulster BOE is inviting our community to vote on their favorite "I Voted" sticker that will be distributed to each polling location for the Ulster County General Election on November 8, 2022.

The response has been amazing! As of this press release the leading sticker has over 163,000 votes! In total we have over 163,000 votes!

With a surprise August Special Election & Primaries comes a Commissioner surprise of our own! Any of the six stickers to receive over 1,500 votes by Friday July 29th at 5:00PM (with the exception of the winner, who will be reserved for November's General Election) will have their sticker printed for the August 23rd Election.

Commissioner Ashley Dittus "It has been so much fun seeing people react all over the county and even the world to our contest! We started this program to bring young people into the election process in a fun way and we have certainly accomplished our goal this year. It is our hope that people in Ulster County and all over the country are inspired to vote not just in an online contest but at the polls where it matters the most.'

Commissioner John Quigley "This sticker contest has given us an opportunity to express the importance of running free and fair elections. One crucial part of our elections that get overlooked is our election inspectors. As we gear up for an election, it can take upwards of 700 part timers to work that day. Anyone interested in working as an election inspector might just be the lucky person to hand out these awesome stickers this year!"

For more information, visit the Student Resources section of the Ulster County Board of Elections website at Voteulster.com, call 845.334.5470, or email Elections@co.ulster.ny.us. assess storm damage, and manage incident response. Ulster County Department of Public Works road crews were mobilized to support the clean up. Additionally, Central Hudson currently had approximatel 150 crew members working to restore services with another 60 mutual crews aiding them.

"With severe thunderstorms causing extensive damage, including tree limbs down, roadways blocked, and power outages, I am declaring a State of Emergency in Ulster County," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I have committed county resources to provide critical emergency services and to clear our roadways safely and efficiently. Additionally, we have activated our Emergency Operations Center and are working closely with local officials to respond to storm impacts. Given the dangerous conditions, I am encouraging all residents to stay off of the roads. I want to thank all of our emergency responders who are working non-stop to keep our roads clear and our residents safe."

The State of Emergency meant that vehicular traffic on the County road system, particularly in the City of Kingston, Hurley, Marbletown, Esopus and the Town of Ulster were limited to essential service and emergency vehicles. The Executive Order took effect at 8:00 a.m. on July 14, 2022 and remained in effect until 8:00 a.m. on July 15, 2022.

County Executive Ryan spoke directly with Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is embedded with the Emergency Operations Center.

Due to the high temperatures, Ulster County Office building remained open this past weekend as a Cooling Center location.

### Round Trip Motorcoach from Temple Sholom to NYC Wednesday, August 17. Round trip motorcoach from Temple

Wednesday, August 17. Round trip motorcoach from Temple Sholom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Rd., Monticello, to New York City. Leaves 8 am and gets to the City in time for you to buy your matinee theater tickets. Day on your own for shopping, sightseeing, or visiting friends. Returns by 6 pm. \$40 for temple members, \$45 for nonmembers. Call Paula for reservations 845-794-2314.

### UC Executive Pat Ryan Declares a State of Emergency Due to Severe Thunderstorms

County Executive Pat Ryan declared a State of Emergency due to severe thunderstorms, blocked roadways and over 10,000 households currently without power throughout Ulster County last week. • Areas hardest hit were the City of Kingston, Hurley, Marbletown, Esopus and the Town of Ulster • Ulster County activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to manage storm impacts and the Cooling Center in the City of Kingston

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan declared a weather-related state of emergency for Ulster County last week as he urged all residents to avoid any unnecessary travel particularly in areas hardest hit: the City of Kingston, Hurley, Marbletown, Esopus and the Town of Ulster. County Executive Ryan said Emergency Services reported blocked roadways and over 10,000 households were left without power. Ulster County activated its Emergency Operations Center during the storm, and continued to monitor the situation,





# **Farmers' Markets**

### Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello

THURSDAYS June 30th - September 29th • Ted Stroebele Center across from the Sullivan County Gov't Center • 10 Jefferson St., Monticello, NY • 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

The Monticello Farmers' Market has a variety of vendors selling local fruits, vegetables, honey, maple syrup, and more! Market shoppers will be treated to special, fun events and activities throughout the summer. There is ample free parking adjacent to the farmers' market, which is just steps from downtown Monticello.

Sell with Sullivan Fresh

CCE Sullivan is currently accepting applications from new local vendors, farmers, and non-profit organizations to join the market. There is a 1-page application which can be obtained by downloading the application on the right-hand side of this page or by contacting our local office.

Contact Clarisse Owens Sullivan Fresh Program Manager cao78@cornelll.edu (845) 292-6180, Ext. 130

### Rock Hill Farmers' Market! sponsored by the Rock Hill Business & Community

Association 2022 SEASON\*\* EVERY SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

June 4th - September 24th (Rain or Shine) 223 Rock Rock Hill Drive • Rock Hill, NY 12775

We Accept: Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coupons

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coupons (Accepted by Burns Farm, Bobolink Farm & Trapani Farm)

# Liberty Farmers' Market

From June 17th through September 16th, the Liberty Farmers' Market will be open every Friday from 3pm to 6pm, with vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, and so much more. This lively outdoor market will be located at Creekside Park at 119 N. Main Street, Liberty, NY. Visit our website here to learn how to apply, and access information on important rules and regulations:

https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/mountainkeeper\_m arkets?utm\_campaign=newsletter\_05\_14&utm\_medium=e mail&utm\_source=catskillmountainkeeper

# **Callicoon Farmers' Market**

Sundays, 11 am - 2 pm Callicoon Farmers' Market, you will find many farms in addition to food producers and artisans offering wine, hard cider, pasta, condiments, prepared foods, baked goods, ice cream, jam, honey, maple syrup, herbal tea blends, skin care products, pottery, woodwork and much more.

# Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market

EVERY SATURDAY 11 am-2 pm • June 25th thru September 10th –Rain or shine.



# Ten Mile River Scout Museum to host classic car show Sat., August 13

What: It is expected over three dozen classic cars will park on the grounds adjacent to the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. Admission is free for spectators. Car owners who would like to display their vehicle will be charged \$10 per. There will be people's choices trophies and prize drawings. If interested in registering a car, please contact Ralph Daddi,ralphdaddi@gmail.com. You can register onsite or before the event.

**WHO:** Opened in 1997, the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, www.tmrmuseum.org exists to preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of New York City Scouting at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps through the creation of historical archives, displays, exhibits of photos, memorabilia, documents and tangible items in both indoor and outdoor settings. It recognizes the local history in the vicinity of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Narrowsburg, N.Y.

WHEN: Saturday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. ET, rain or shine.

WHERE: Headquarters at Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Narrowsburg, New York, which is located at 1481 Crystal Lake Road/Sullivan County Route 26, a \_ mile east of the County Route 23 junction. Museum staff can be reached during operating hours at 845.252.3775.

# DIGITAL LITERACY For Seniors 4-Week class

# JULY 14, 21, 28 & AUG 4TH

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Where:

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- Identify icons
- Learn acronyms & terminology
- Which sites to avoid
- How to set up an email
- How to set up an automatic signature
- · How to attach a photo or a pdf file to an email
- and more!

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# Mental Health Hotline Launched on Saturday



Liberty, NY - Starting Saturday, July 16, there's a new number that could be as important as 911 to remember: 988.

"Every county in New York State, including Sullivan, will now offer this literal lifeline to crucial mental health crisis supports, including for those who are experiencing thoughts of suicide," explained John Liddle, Sullivan County's Commissioner of the

Division of Health & Human Services. "Dialing those simple three digits will connect callers to a trained crisis counselor who can immediately address their needs, 24/7/365."

"We'll be working with Dutchess County - who hosts the staffed call center - to implement this much-needed service," added Community Services Director Melissa Stickle, who oversees mental health services in the Division. "We have had substantial communication with them in preparation for this, and they will be connecting Sullivan County persons in need with local resources to the maximum extent possible."

"When the Dutchess County 988 operators see a need for fire, police, or EMS to be dispatched in Sullivan County, they will coordinate with our E-911 center to ensure the closest available assets are dispatched as quickly as possible," noted Public Safety Commissioner Tom Farney. "People should also continue to feel welcome to call 911 if a life-threatening emergency is at hand."

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and its chat-based counterpart, www.988lifeline.org, will be able to:

o Connect people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis to a trained counselor who can address their immediate needs and help connect them to ongoing care.

o Reduce health care spending with more cost-effective early intervention.

o Reduce use of law enforcement, public health, and other safety resources.

o Meet the growing need for crisis intervention.

o Help end stigma toward those seeking or accessing mental healthcare.

### **Governor Hochul Announces Successful Implementation of 988 Suicide and Crisis Life Line** *State Has Secured Full Coverage of All 62 Counties for the*

Launch of 988

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the successful implementation of 988 in New York State as the new three-digit number to call or text to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. All 62 counties in New York State will be covered for the launch of the new 988 Lifeline, which will ensure that anyone with a New York area code contacting 988 will be connected to one of New York's 988 crisis centers.

"Connecting people who are experiencing a mental health crisis or considering suicide to trained counselors can significantly help them through difficulties that seem insurmountable, and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides hope and support to those who need it most," Governor Hochul said. "By implementing 988, we are providing these individuals, as well as their families and friends, an easy-to-remember number that will give them access to the services they need."

"It is incumbent upon us as New Yorkers to provide those among us who are struggling with mental health issues with the help they need, when they need it," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "Crisis don't only happen during business hours, so implementing this lifeline, which is available any time of the day or night, will help save lives."

The FY 2023 Enacted Budget included \$35 million to significantly expand 988 crisis call center capacity throughout New York State. This funding will increase to \$60 million on a full annual basis starting in FY 2024. OMH has also allocated one-time funding of \$10 million in federal supplemental Community Mental Health Services Block Grant resources to the 988 crisis call centers, allowing them to expand statewide capacity and infrastructure. New York State also received a \$7.2 million federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to aid in the rollout of the new 988 Lifeline.

Calling 988 provides a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health or substance abuse related distress. A chat feature will also be available through the Lifeline's website (988lifeline.org). (Contd. Pg. 33)



### Governor Hochul Announces Successful Implementation of 988 Suicide and Crisis Life Line

### (From Pg. 32)

The new 988 Lifeline will also help achieve another one of Governor Hochul's goals - removing obstacles to healthcare and reducing disparities in access, quality, and treatment outcomes for historically marginalized, underserved and unserved populations. This includes people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, older adults, rural New Yorkers, veterans, immigrants, people with disabilities and people who have limited English proficiency.

There are currently 13 operating 988 crisis contact centers in New York State and two in the development stage.

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Mental Health, said, "The implementation of New York's 988 hotline cannot come at a better time. Throughout the pandemic we have seen families across the state struggle with mental health related issues. This new number will create a streamlined process for getting people the help they need when they need it most. I am proud to have cosponsored the legislation creating 988 in this state, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure it is a trusted resource for all New Yorkers."

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#### 988 History

The Federal Communications Commission

(FCC) designated 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act was signed into law in October 2020, with the requirement for phone service providers to transition to 988 as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

Since then, New York has been working with a large coalition of diverse community stakeholders to plan for the implementation of 988 in the State. The Statewide coalition members represent New York's diverse population and includes individuals with lived experience, advocates, law enforcement, representatives from state agencies, counties, 911 representatives, emergency services, and more. All have contributed their expertise and commitment to the implementation of 988, and their ongoing collaboration and dedication to this groundbreaking work will benefit all New Yorkers.

#### About the Lifeline

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline was originally funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and has been administered by Vibrant Emotional Health since it began in 2005. It has served as an invaluable resource, helping thousands of people overcome suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress every day. With the transition to 988, these life-saving services will be even easier to reach.

Numerous studies have shown that the Lifeline works-most callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to a Lifeline crisis counselor.

### Statistics on New York/National 988 Call Volume

Between 2005 and 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received a total of 20,478,698 calls.

In 2019, the NSPL received 137,481 calls originating from New York, a 73 percent increase since 2016. In 2020, NYS received 142,827 calls, a 13 percent increase in just one year. New York's robust investments and advanced planning will ensure that calls originating from New York are answered by a local 988 crisis contact center and that we are prepared for the significant increase in call volume that is expected over the next five years.

## DEC Encourages Visitors to the Catskills to 'Love Our New York Lands' and Practice Safe, Sustainable Recreation

#### With Increased Visitation, All New Yorkers Have a Responsibility to Protect State Lands, Respect Other Visitors

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos is reminding visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole, and other popular areas including Kaaterskill Clove, to safely and responsibly enjoy outdoor recreation on public lands without endangering public safety or negatively impacting natural resources. This season, increased visitation to these popular areas is resulting in unsafe parking and hiking, and increased rescues, trash, and other environmental damage. DEC is encouraging all New Yorkers to practice safe and responsible recreation to protect themselves and others.

"The Catskills offer beautiful natural treasures that attract people from across the state and country, and DEC wants to continue to share these experiences," said Commissioner Seggos. "That's why we're continuing to work with our partners to promote sustainable use and ensure we protect this special place.

Being prepared, following the local and state requirements for public lands, and preventing damage to our trails and waterways are among the steps visitors can take to help protect themselves and the Catskills for generations to come."

DEC is observing a continued increase in visitation to Peekamoose Blue Hole by users without the required permit, as well as unsafe parking and trash. Last year, DEC updated regulations as part of an ongoing effort to improve public safety and reduce environmental impacts in the area. A permit is required for all visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole and the nearby corridor along the Rondout Creek, including campers, picnickers, hikers, and anglers. Visitors need a permit seven days a week including holidays from May 15 through Sept. 15. Current regulations include:

Visitors are required to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with fees for other DEC recreation-oriented Day Use Areas in the Forest Preserve;

The permit must be displayed when on site;

Parking in designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the town and is a tow away zone;

Permits must list the names of all members of the visiting party when making the reservation. Names can be changed up to one day in advance;

Prohibit alcohol and coolers larger than 12 inches in any dimension at the

Blue Hole. Limited use will be allowed at nearby designated camping areas only; and

Camping permits are now required to reserve primitive tent sites in the Lower, Middle, and Upper fields. Visit Reserve America's website to make a reservation.

The Blue Hole is open to permit holders from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, except for designated camp sites nearby. Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste. In addition, the following activities and items are prohibited (with limited use allowed at the nearby designated camping area only):

Camping;

All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves);

Use of portable generators;

Glass containers; and

Radios and other audio devices.

DEC continues its expanded outreach to connect with visitors before they plan and prepare their visit, including:

Real-time alerts on twitter via @NYSDECAlerts for the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Peekamoose camping sites at: https://twitter.com/nysdecalerts

Posting the DEC Catskill Outdoor Bulletin on the backcountry information website at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/out-door/108207.html (Contd. Pg. 35)



This event is open to residents of the Town of Neversink, to residents of Tri-Valley School District, and those living within RNSP's watershed eligibility area. (Not sure if you live within our eligibility area? Not a problem, send an email to *info@rondoutneversink.org,* and we'll let you know!)

### DEC Encourages Visitors to the Catskills to 'Love Our New York Lands' and Practice Safe, Sustainable Recreation

(From Pg. 34)

Offering the DEC webpage in Spanish, English, and other languages at: https://es.dec.ny.gov/lands/109922.html

Providing outreach on the permit system to websites that highlight the Blue Hole;

Coordinating with New York State Department of Transportation to place variable message boards on both roads that lead into the Blue Hole with information about permit requirements; and

Developing signs in both English and Spanish at the parking area and at the Peekamoose Blue Hole trailhead.

DEC continues to work with many partners including the Catskill Visitor Center, which provides the public with valuable information about the permit system and how to obtain a permit before their visit. The Center also produced a radio ad airing in the area to help explain the permit system. To complement the DEC Forest Rangers and Assistant Forest Rangers that patrol and are posted at the Blue Hole, the Catskill Center has two stewards at the location five days a week, including weekends and holidays. Stewards work to check permits, provide information about the special regulations, and educate visitors who arrive at these sites without a permit on how to obtain one for their next visit.

"Educating visitors about responsible recreation in the Catskills is what we do at the Catskills Visitor Center and through our Catskill Stewards Program at high-use areas in the Catskill Park, including the Peekamoose Blue Hole. We have heard directly from our staff about how challenging this year is given an increasing number of visitors, especially those visitors unaware of the permit system," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "We look forward to strengthening our partnership and collaboration with the DEC to better educate and direct visitors both before they arrive in the Catskill Park to make the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper their first stop. Once there, they will find helpful staff, informative exhibits, and free information that will help them responsibly recreate across the Catskill Park."

The requirements specific to the Peekamoose Blue Hole are part of a comprehensive effort DEC launched to encourage safe, sustainable use in the Catskills and Adirondacks earlier this summer. This includes DEC's Love Our New York Lands campaign with information for visitors to do their part to protect State lands by encouraging sustainable use and inspiring the shared sense of responsibility and ownership of these resources. In addition, the campaign interprets the seven Leave No Trace<sup>™</sup> principles (leaves DEC website), which provide a framework of minimum impact practices for anyone visiting the outdoors, particularly unfamiliar audiences who may be new to hiking.

If there are no Peekamoose Blue Hole permits available for a particular day, DEC encourages visitors to develop a list of alternate locations for their outdoor adventure. Examples of opportunities for recreation within 75 miles of Blue Hole include: **Balleavere Basch** https://www.balleavere.com/todo/balleavere

Belleayre Beach https://www.belleayre.com/todo/belleayrebeach/

Kenneth L. Wilson Campground https://www.dec.ny.gov/out-door/24472.html

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https://parks.ny.gov/parks/87/details.aspx							

Visitors are encouraged to get the latest information about these and other destinations in the Catskills by visiting the DEC and New York State Parks websites and the Catskills Visitor Center at 5096 Route 28 in Mt. Tremper, NY; (845) 688 -3369.

### Blue Hole & Peekamoose Valley Camping 2022

### **REMINDER: You need a <u>permit for Blue Hole</u>**

The Peekamoose Valley (County Route 42 in the Town of Denning) is a popular rustic camping area. Camping permits are now required to reserve primitive tent sites in the Lower, Middle, and Upper fields from May 15- September 15 of each year. Camping is restricted to reserved, designated campsites marked with the yellow camping symbol. Visit Reserve America (leaves DEC website) make a reservation. Permits for the Peekamoose Trailer Field must be obtained from the local Forest Ranger (845-240-6790), and must be requested at least 2 weeks in advance.

Food, gas and other supplies can be found nearby at the **Neversink General Store** in Neversink, NY.

DEC has issued special regulations for the **Blue Hole** and **Peekamoose Valley** because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to the environmental resources. Visit the DEC website for information:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/109922.html?mc\_cid=217732e7fe &mc\_eid=741885eb1c#Permit

https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/peekamoose-bluehole/NY/5935/overview

### Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety

#### Legislation S.1078B/A.5084A Requires Instruction in Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety as Part of Drivers Pre-licensing Course

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation S.1078B/A.5084A, which requires new drivers to learn about pedestrian and bicyclist safety awareness as a component of the pre-licensing exam and as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle.

"My top priority as Governor is to keep New Yorkers safe, and it is common sense to make pedestrian and bike safety education mandatory for drivers," Governor Hochul said. "This law will help prevent crashes and save lives, and I thank my partners in the Assembly and Senate for passing this legislation to make our streets safer." Contd. Pg 36)

### **Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Expand Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety**

(From Pg. 35)

"As a parent of twin boys, this new law requiring new drivers to learn about pedestrian and bicycle safety prior to getting a driver's license definitely helps put my mind at ease," said Lieutenant Governor Delgado. "This new law will help improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and reduce injuries and fatalities."

Legislation S.1078B/A.5084A adds curriculum to the prelicensing course that includes an overview of traffic laws governing motor vehicle operators' duty to exercise care with respect to pedestrians and bicyclists. This legislation also requires that pedestrian and bicyclist safety be added to the Department of Motor Vehicles instruction handbook.

The signing of this legislation is Governor Hochul's latest action in expanding traffic safety. In June, Governor Hochul signed legislation to reauthorize and expand the use of New York City school zone speed cameras to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Last October, Governor Hochul signed legislation establishing a school bus motorist education fund, which served to protect the safety of school children. Last summer, Governor

Hochul announced the completion of \$11.3 million in pedestrian safety projects in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

### DEC Issues Fire Danger Reminder Dry Summer Increases Risk for Wildfires

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today urged New Yorkers to practice the utmost safety when building campfires this summer. Dry weather throughout June and July has increased the risk of fires.

"The sunny, summer weather is giving people ample opportunity to enjoy New York's outdoors, but it's also increasing the risk for fires," Commissioner Seggos said. "When building a campfire, please make sure to always keep an eye on it and pay attention to the wind. And when finished, make sure the fire is fully out and cold to the touch."

The majority of the state remains at a moderate risk for fires, meaning that any outdoor fire can spread quickly, especially if the wind picks up. Campfires are among the top five causes of wildfires (PDF).

DEC continues to encourage New Yorkers and visitors to follow the recommendations below to reduce the risk of wildfires.

While camping in the backcountry, New Yorkers are advised to: Use existing campfire rings where possible;

Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass, and leaves. Pile extra wood away from the fire;

Clear the area around the ring of leaves, twigs, and other flammable materials;

Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could cause the fire to spread quickly; and

Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet. Move rocks as there may be burning embers underneath. Fire safety tips for burning wood or brush:

Never burn on a windy day;

Check and obey all local laws and ordinances;

Burn early in the morning when humidity is high and winds are low;

Clear all flammable material for a distance of 10 to 15 feet around the fire;

Keep piles to be burned small, adding small quantities of material as burning progresses;

Always have a garden hose, shovel, water bucket, or other means to extinguish the fire close at hand; and

When done, drown the fire with water, making sure all materials, embers, and coals are wet.

Do not burn household trash:

Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases. Incinerator rules prohibit burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers;

DEC recommends recycling all appropriate materials (such as newspaper, paper, glass, and plastic) and composting organic kitchen and garden waste;

Burning leaves is also banned in New York State. DEC encourages composting of leaves; and

Disposal of flags or religious items in a small-sized fire is allowed if it is not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation. For information on open burning and campfire safety in New York, go to DEC's Open Burning in New York and Fire Safety When Camping webpages.

For further questions about wildfires, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS and call 911 to report a wildfire.

### DEC Proposes Improvements to State's Forest Tax Law Program Public Comment Period on Proposed New and Improved Regulations Now through Sept. 19; Two Virtual Public Comment Hearings Scheduled Sept. 13

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced proposed changes to the implementing regulations for Real Property Tax Law Section 480a, also known as the Forest Tax Law. The comprehensive overhaul of these nearly 50-year-old regulations will lessen the administrative burden on participating forest landowners, help DEC promote compliance with requirements in place, and maintain and improve sustainable timber management on enrolled lands.

"The Forest Tax Law Program provides private forest landowners a significant real property tax reduction on enrolled forest lands in exchange for managing their timber resource for the long-term with the support of professional foresters," said Commissioner Seggos. "Privately owned forests make up to 74 percent of the total forest land area in New York, and healthy, well-managed forests are essential for supporting our economy, protecting water and air quality, providing wildlife habitat, and improving forest carbon storage and sequestration, supporting the State's climate efforts." (Contd. Pg. 37)
#### DEC Proposes Improvements to State's Forest Tax Law Program Public Comment Period on Proposed New and Improved Regulations Now through Sept. 19; *Two Virtual Public Comment Hearings Scheduled Sept. 13* (From Pg. 36)

To encourage the long-term management of woodlands to produce forest crops and encourage a more stable forest economy, the State of New York enacted the 480a forest tax law in 1974. Nearly 1.4 million acres owned by approximately 4,000 private forest land are currently enrolled in the Forest Tax Law program. While the program has benefited many forest landowners, DEC is improving this successful program to further ensure the sustainability of forest ownership over time.

Prior to developing these new regulatory proposals, DEC Lands and Forests staff held 10 meetings across the state with stakeholders to discuss proposed changes to 480a that would increase compliance, reduce administrative burdens to landowners and DEC, and improve forestry outcomes. The feedback resulted in proposed changes that benefit both participating landowners and assist DEC in the administration of the program by enhancing standardization and will help improve compliance. They would not alter the annual tax benefit, stumpage tax, commitment period, or penalties for noncompliance.

The proposed changes include:

Extending the period an approved forest management plan would cover from 15 years to 20 years and requiring fewer plan updates;

Providing more flexibility to enrolled landowners to complete forestry treatments by changing the work schedule from year-by-year deadlines to a 10-year work window;

Strengthening forest sustainability requirements on enrolled lands, such as explicitly banning high grading and requiring efforts to establish adequate forest regeneration. High grading involves removing most of the commercially valuable trees at the expense of future growth and future financial return, often leaving a forest in poor condition; and

Establishing a training requirement for consulting foresters working with Forest Tax Law clients to help set clear expectations and standardize Forest Tax Law administration across the state.

The proposed changes would go into effect on March 1, 2023.

DEC is holding two virtual public comment hearings on Sept. 13, and will be accepting public comments through Sept. 19. The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing to: NYSDEC Private Lands and Forest Utilization Section, Bureau of Forest Resource Management 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7254 or by email to: bslmregs@dec.ny.gov. The virtual public comment hearings will be held on Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information about the new and revised regulations, as well as how to participate in the public comment hearings, visit DEC's website. **Catskill Center Submits Two Comment Letters** 

One addresses NYCDEP water filtration avoidance; the other, the State's Climate Plan

The Catskill Center recently submitted a comment letter pertaining to the proposed continuation of a Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) for New York City's Watershed, essentially supporting the avoidance of building a multi-billion-dollar filtration system for the Catskill/Delaware portion of the City's water supply. In doing so, we're calling on NYS agencies to require the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to expand a Catskill Center/DEP program that protects water quality in streams of the northeastern Catskills through the purchase of streamside lands (the Streamside Acquisition Program, or SAP).

The Catskill Center was one of the original signatories to the 1997 Memorandum of Agreement between local stakeholders and the City that provided for City land acquisition in the Catskills in balance with local needs.

We urge the State to require NYCDEP to expand the SAP to the full West-of-Hudson Watershed and commit a minimum of \$8 million in new funding to the Catskill Center to implement the expanded SAP.

"The SAP focuses on protecting properties that make the biggest difference for water quality," said Lee Alexander, Streamside Acquisition Program Director. "Most of the land the SAP acquires consists of streams, floodplains, wetlands, or other lands within 300 feet of streams. We encourage landowners to keep their more developable lands in private hands, and sell the wetter areas to the SAP. Because of this targeted approach, the SAP can conserve important water resources while leaving other lands available for local development."

We filed our other comment letter in response to the Draft Scoping Plan for the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which provides a framework for how the State can reach ambitious reductions in climate-changing emissions. The Catskill Center supports the plan's ambition and many of its proposed strategies, but we also emphasize the importance of smart planning, particularly to ensure that the Catskills' abundant forests remain healthy to sequester carbon. Plus, we urge the State to improve forest management for other purposes, such as water quality and climate resilience.

"Smart planning that ensures both healthy forests and healthy communities has been a longstanding goal of the Catskill Center. Our comment letter reinforces this core principle," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "In addition, we hope the final plan considers greater efficiencies when it comes to delivering technical assistance to municipalities, especially for renewable energy production."

The Catskill Center also strongly recommends that the state consolidates public outreach and education initiatives under a single effort.

#### **Comment Letters:**

o Comments on the 2022 Draft Revisions to the 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) for New York City's Watershed Go to:

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o Comments on the draft scoping plan for the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act)

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#### Midsummer Nights Dream

Join us outside on the bank of the Esopus Creek for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" where fairies roam and mischief reigns. Watch as forbidden lovers escape to the woods, a fledgling theater troupe rehearse a play, and a fairy king and queen conspire and battle. Three worlds intertwine in a dark and humorous tale of love, mistaken identity, and magic. 7:30 p.m. Evenings / 2 p.m. Matinees. Tickets are \$30 Adults / \$15 Students and available for purchase via the CMS website. In addition, join us for a special "A Midsummer Night Out" Opening Night Performance & After Party on July 16, a Pay What You Can Preview Performance on July 15, and a 'Relaxed' Performance for Kids (with Childcare) on July 23. Friday, July 15, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, July 31, 2022 - 2 p.m. Emerson Resort and Spa, 5340 NY-28 Mt Tremper 12457 845-688-2828

**SUMMER SERIES: HITS-on-the-Hudson IV** July 20, 2022 2 p.m. - July 24, 2022 2 p.m. The HITS Saugerties Series welcomes equestrians for nine weeks of events, \$3 million in prize money, biweekly Grand Prix, qualifiers for the HITS Championship, USEF Premier and National-Rated Hunters, 5\* and 6\* Jumpers, and the new Wilmington Trust VIP Club. The majestic Catskill Mountains provide a sweeping backdrop to this exciting series, that has made its home at HITS-on-the-Hudson since 2004. In the fall, the HITS Championship caps the HITS Saugerties Series with hunter and jumper finals and the HITS Saugerties Grand Prix. HITS Saugerties Series, May 25-September 25, 2022. Wednesday, July 20, 2022 - 2 p.m. to Sunday, July 24, 2022 - 2 p.m. HITS-ON-THE-HUDSON 454 Washington Ave Ext Saugerties 12477 845-246-5515

**National Crafts for Your Local Shelter Day UCSPCA** July 21, 2022 9:30 a.m. - July 21, 2022 11:30 a.m. Join our volunteers at the Shelter and help create fun and festive crafts for pets like "Adopt Me" bandannas, Fleece Tugs, Dog Beds, and maybe even a home-made "Wubba." For more details or to sign up for the fun please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 845-331-5377 ext. 215. Thursday, July 21, 2022 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30am Ulster County SPCA 20 Wiedy Rd Kingston 12401 845-331-5377

**UPSTATE ART WEEKEND** July 22, 2022 10 a.m. - July 24, 2022 6 p.m. Upstate Art Weekend (UPAW) is excited for its third edition this year, incorporating sculpture parks, museums, galleries, residencies, creative projects and open studios in the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Open Studios is a new addition in 2022, of which there will be more than 50 artists included, increasing visibility of the creative wealth in the region. This self-directed, accessible event connects tourists and locals alike, with art and the outdoors, celebrating the cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York. Friday, July 22, 2022 - 10 a.m. to Sunday, July 24, 2022 - 6 p.m.

Various locations Go to https://www.upstateartweekend.org/

**Hudson River for a two-hour Introductory Sail** This class is a perfect opportunity to get out onto the Hudson River for a two-hour Introductory Sail aboard the historic Catboat Tidbit with a certified instructor. Participants do not need any sailing experience to sign up, but experienced sailors are also welcome to join us. Learn the basics of sailing and enjoy two hours on the beautiful Rondout Creek and Hudson River. Instructors will customize for the participants in each class.Register at www.hrmm.org Saturday, July 23, 2022 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum 50 Rondout Landing

#### Kingston 12401

**D&H Canal Historical Society at Persen House** July 23, 2022 10 a.m. - July 23, 2022 4 p.m. The D&H Canal Historical Society was established in 1966 to preserve, protect and perpetuate the unique history of the Delaware & Hudson Canal, particularly in Ulster County. As part of fulfilling its mission, the Society operates a museum and maintains the Five Locks Walk, a National Historic Landmark. Join the society's historian, Bill Merchant, for meet & greet and informal discussion on all things D&H Canal related. Saturday, July 23, 2022 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum 74 John Street Kingston 12401 845-340-3415

**Children's Storytelling Cruise** July 23, 2022 11 a.m. - July 23, 2022 11:30 a.m. Kingston's Storyteller Laureate Karen Pillsworth spins tales of lighthouses, boats, trains, bridges and more in this program for 5-8 year olds. All tickets include boat ride, stories, and general admission to the Hudson River Maritime Museum.Adult (13-61): \$25Senior (62+): \$22Child (6-12): \$20 Register at www.hrmm.orgSaturday, July 23, 2022 - 11 a.m. to 11:30am Hudson River Maritime Museum 50 Rondout Landing Kingston 12401 845-338-0071

#### Theatre on the Road at the Matthewis Persen House

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack welcomed Theatre on the Road to the Matthewis Persen House this past Saturday for the first of several Living History programs this season. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the historic intersection of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Both Matthewis Persen and Governor George Clinton were at the Persen House on Saturday and talked about their lives during the Revolution, the roles they played, and the aftermath of the burning of Kingston by British forces. Guests were able to interact with these historical figures and get a feel for what life was really like during the Revolutionary War. Monologues were held every hour on the hour.

Theatre on the Road offers entertaining and educational programs at schools, libraries, historic sites and theaters. Their productions, both original and classic, are produced and performed for the purpose of enriching and inspiring a diverse audience that include students and the general public. Theatre on the Road is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette along with his wife and producing partner, Kristen. "Our histories are no longer buried," says Marquette. "The spirits have voices, and we are giving you an opportunity to listen to them. Meet a few characters from Kingston's rich past. You'll be glad you did!"

"We are so excited to embark on this Living History project with Theatre on the Road," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "The Persen House is the perfect venue to for these entertaining, educational and interactive encounters with the historical figures from Kingston's past."

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.

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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com



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#### JULY 21, 2022



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# WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!! WHERE? At the Route 42 Community Park in Grahamsville

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Check out our Facebook page Route 42 Community Playground Project for more information.

### Ulster County Clerk Welcomes D&H Canal Museum Historian to the Matthewis Persen House Museum



Matthewis Persen House Museum

On Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, join D&H Canal Museum Historian Bill Merchant to learn about the D&H Canal and its contributions to Ulster County's transportation and commercial growth in the late 19th century. Also hear about the opening of the new Mid-Hudson Visitor Center and D&H Canal Museum in the 1797 stone DePuy Tavern building this past June. The Visitor Center offers visitors information on many local sites and attractions, while the Museum preserves canal-era artifacts, and documents the canal's creation, operation, and importance as an engine of economic development in the region and beyond.

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, July 23, the D&H Canal Historical Society Museum will host at the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.





. From left to right: Bill Merchant (Historian for the D&H Canal Historical Society), Henry Lowengard (Century House Museum Board President, Local Artist and Member of the Kingston Midtown Arts District), Stephen Blauweiss (Independent Film Maker and Local Historian), Frank Marquette (Theatre on the Road Management Team), and Nancy Chando (Friends of Historic Kingston Board President).

July 2021, D&H Canal Historical Society Historian Bill Merchant met with guests and talked about the society's museum and the Five Locks Walk, a National Historic Landmark

"The D&H Canal Historical Society safeguards a unique part of Ulster County's history," states County Clerk Nina Postupack. "They preserve the stories and artifacts of our industrial past, and we congratulate them on a wonderful new Visitor's Center and Museum. It is a pleasure to welcome their historian, Bill Merchant, back to the Persen House."

To learn more about the D&H Canal Historical Society, visit their website at www.canalmuseum.org. For further information about this and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.

## Sullivan County Budget Again Wins National Award

Monticello, NY - For the seventh time in a row, the Sullivan County Manager's Office and Budget Office have earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

A panel of judges reviewed more than 1,700 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2022 fiscal year. They judged the budgets on their excellence as policy documents, financial plans, operations guides and communications devices, deeming Sullivan's to be "outstanding" in all four categories.

"This is a solid budget presentation with excellent operational information," wrote the judges. "The County elected and appointed officials have formulated the broad policy priorities that will guide the County government into the future with sound financial management planning."

"Coming from a major national professional association, we never take this award for granted. Indeed, we aim for it in the fine work our Budget Office undertakes every day," Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek affirmed. "A budget as large and complicated as the County's can be hard to understand. We put in this effort to have a more transparent and user-friendly document for the public."

"The words of the judges are testament to the goal of excellence in our Budget and County Manager offices," said District 5 Legislator George Conklin, who chairs the Management and Budget Committee of the Legislature. "We are typically the only rural county in New York to achieve this level of excellence, and taxpayers should take note that we're paying very close attention to the funds they give us."

More information is available at www.gfoa.org.

### Sullivan County Farmers' Markets

**Sullivan Fresh Monticello Farmers Market** - Every Thursday June 30th to September 29th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM [Sullivan Fresh Monticello Market] 10 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY The market is held across from the Sullivan County Government Center.

**The Liberty Farmers Market** -Every Friday June 17th to September 16th 3:00 - 6:00 PM [Liberty Farmers Market Event] 119 North Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754 The market is held in the wooded Creekside Park.

Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Harris - Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday July 5th - October 18th 11:30 AM -1:30 PM [SF Event Cover Harris 2022]

Garnet Health Medical Center 68 Harris-Bushville Road, Monticello, NY

**Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Liberty** Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday July 12th - October 25th 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM [SF Event Cover Liberty 2022] Sullivan County Public Health Services (Outside WIC Clinic) 50 Community Lane, Liberty, NY

**Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Woodridge** - Every Wednesday July 6th to October 26th 10:30 - 12:30 PM [SF Event Cover Woodridge 2022] Village of Woodridge Municipal Lot Green Avenue & Dairyland Road, Woodridge, NY

**Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Fallsburg** - Every Wednesday July 6th to October 26th 2:30 - 4:00 PM [SF Event Cover Fallsburg 2022] 19 Railroad Ave, Hurleyville, NY

**Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Wurtsboro** - Every Thursday July 7th to October 27th 10:30 AM -12:30 PM Sullivan Fresh Wurtsboro Event 134 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, New York 12790

Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Woodbourne - Every Friday July 8th - October 28th 10:00 - 11:30 AM [SF Event Cover Woodbourne 2022] Woodbourne Municipal Lot Robbie Lane & State Route 52, Fallsburg, NY

Sullivan Fresh Market on the Move: Loch Sheldrake Every Friday July 8th - October 28th 1:00-3:00 PM Loch Sheldrake Public Parking Lot Hasbrouck A Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY



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## Fresh Air fifth annual summer group show juried by Jenny Nelson

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Sundown Residents,

If you are planning a yard sale, or yard sales, this summer, please let us know and we will post your sale in The Townsman.

Just fill out this form, put an 'x' on the map showing location of yard sale and send it to Gnome Home Inc., 131 Peekamoose Road, Sundown, NY 12740.

Physical address where you will have your Yard Sale.

Date(s	s) of `	Yard Sale	е						
Time(s Optiona		ard Sale	:						
Type other	of	Items	you	are	selling:	Crafts;	household	items;	clothing;

# **Claryville Fire Dept.**

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Come for some breakfast before heading to the Fair

# Sunday, August 21st

## Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

# Adults: \$9 Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Under 5 Yrs. Free

## Take-outs are available 985-7270

3 types of Eggs any style, Pancakes, French Toast, Hash browns, Sausage, cvfd specialties, Oj, coffee, tea

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

# DMV at the Neversink Town Hall 8/4/2022



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation. Search sullivancountydmvscheduling \* SULLIVAN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY \*\*

Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.

## Now conveniently doing business at 8 locations:

Monticello Government Center - 100 North Street, Monticello, NY Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule) Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule) Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule) Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule) Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule) Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule) Customers <u>MUST</u> have all forms completed <u>PRIOR</u> to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - dmv.ny.gov

\*\*\* IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE \*\*\*

ONLY THE PERSON COMPLETING THE TRANSACTION WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE DMV

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701

For further information please contact us at: 845-794-3872

We reserve the right to cancel multiple appointments or appointments to out of county residents.



#### Setting the Record Straight: Debunking Left-Wing Myths About New York's Radical Gun Control Law

This week, I rolled out the latest edition of my "Setting the Record Straight" series, where I debunk the commonly spread falsehoods about hot-button issues. In this latest version, I corrected the record on New York's recently passed gun control law, which is both extreme and unconstitutional.

The New York state legislature passed a gun control package that significantly curbs New Yorkers' Second Amendment rights and fails to address the root causes of rising crime plaguing our communities. The New York State Sheriffs' Association came out against the legislation, and numerous local elected officials have slammed the law as "unenforceable."

In my "Setting the Record Straight" series, I take apart the far-left myths behind many parts of New York's unconstitutional law, which includes increased online censorship, a so-called "assault weapon" ban, and more. The sad truth is, Albany Democrats blatantly ignored the Supreme Court and the rule of law, passing legislation that continues to arbitrarily infringe on New Yorkers' right to firearms for self-defense. It also requires prohibitively long and expensive training courses and bans firearms in a vast number of public and privately owned spaces.

The full Myth v. Fact is available here. I hope you'll read it and let me know what you think. I am committed to fighting for your Second Amendment rights! Go to: h

#### ttps://tenney.house.gov/sites/evosubsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-mediadocument/Myth%20v.%20Fact\_NY%20Radical%20Gun%20C ontrol%20Laws.pdf

#### Standing for Life and Against Abortion-on-Demand

House Democrats this week passed radical legislation that would end state pro-life laws and codify a 'right' to abortion for any reason, including disability, race, and sex, at any stage of a pregnancy up until birth. It could also weaken conscience protections for healthcare providers who object to abortion, and it would remove commonsense laws protecting women from coercion. This is completely out-of-touch with the mainstream. After all, 80% of Americans think abortion should be illegal in the third trimester of a pregnancy.

Democrats also pushed through a bill that would strip away rights from parents, endanger the health and safety of countless women and girls, and enable abusers. This poorly written legislation would do nothing to prevent unrelated adults or sexual abusers from taking minors out-of-state for abortions, and it would give human traffickers and abusers more direct access to chemical abortions. This is not 'compassionate' legislation. This is barbaric.

As a mother and staunch pro-life advocate, I will continue to support compassionate pro-life policies that ensure women and families, especially those facing unexpected pregnancies, have the tools, resources, and support they need to make decisions that embrace life. I will always stand for the unborn and oppose the dangerous abortion-on-demand policies that are being pushed by far-left politicians in Washington, Albany, and other states.

WATCH MORE - Rep. Tenney to Newsmax: Radical Left Doesn't Support Freedom, Individual Rights at: https://www.newsmax.com/politics/new-york-republicans-freedom/2022/07/14/id/1078871/

My Amendments to the NDAA: Supporting Rome Lab, Reducing our Dependence on China, and Holding the regime in Iran Accountable. Go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5239\_shPSPw

**Tenney Speaks in Support of Her NDAA Amendments** 

This week, the House of Representatives considered the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2023 (FY23). This important bill authorizes funding for our military. This year's bill delivered service members and their families a 4.6% pay increase and meets the funding levels called for by President Trump during his Administration. The 7% increase in defense spending I fought to secure will help the United States rebuild our military and compete against adversaries like China.

House Republicans fought hard to ensure that this legislation pushes back on the left's woke agenda by clarifying that lethality is the centerpiece of our national defense strategy and that any activities that do not increase lethality are a distraction from the Department of Defense's mission. This year's NDAA also takes long-overdue action to declare the record number of illegal immigrant crossings that are occurring at our Southern Border as a risk to our national security. The bill rightfully funds the National Guard's operation and maintenance account to support proper border deployments and efforts to counter human trafficking and the infiltration of illegal narcotics.

I am also very pleased that four of my amendments were included in the bill. These important amendments will support Rome Lab, reduce our dependence on China, and hold Iran accountable for its malign activities. My bipartisan Stop CCP Infrastructure Act was even included in the final passage, which is a critical step forward to ban taxpayer funds from going to entities linked to China!

On Wednesday night, I had the privilege of speaking on the House Floor in support of these amendments. You can watch my full remarks here.

#### A detailed explanation of my amendments is below:

Stop CCP Infrastructure Act: Restricts the ability of covered entities (owned, directed, controlled, financed, or influenced directly or indirectly by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the CCP, or the Chinese military) from using federal funds from engaging, entering into, and awarding public works contracts. This stops your tax dollars from going to companies linked to the Chinese government.

Iran Arms Embargo: Requires a report on the U.N. arms embargo's effectiveness in constraining Iran's ability to supply, sell, or transfer, directly or indirectly, arms or related material when it was in place. It also requires an assessment on the measures our federal agencies are taking today to stop Iranian arms proliferation across the world.

**Iran Operatives Active Abroad:** Requires a report on Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps-affiliated operatives abroad and the ways in which federal agencies are working with partner nations to counter their destabilizing and dangerous activities, which includes assassinations.

**Increasing Military Base Security**: Requires a report on the threat of aerial drones and unmanned aircraft to United States national security and an assessment of the unmanned traffic management systems of every military base and installation to determine whether the base or installation is adequately equipped to detect, disable, and disarm hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems. (Contd. Pg. 57)

## This week with Claudia (From Pg. 56)

#### Honoring a World War II Veteran and True American Hero

Corporal Hershel 'Woody' Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman in 1945 for his heroic service in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Woody singlehandedly operated six flamethrowers against Japanese forces, clearing a path for American troops. He is truly the embodiment of the "Greatest Generation," and an American hero.

Last month, Woody, the last surviving WWII Medal of Honor recipient, passed away at the age of 98. On Thursday, I had the privilege of paying my respects as he lay in honor at the U.S. Capitol. May he forever rest in peace.

#### My Votes Explained

I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor. While we may not always agree, you will always know where I stand on the issues and how I vote in Congress. To read more about my votes this week, please click here.

I voted "No" on H.R. 8297, the Ensuring Access for Abortions Act. This reactionary bill is yet another proposal from Washington Democrats to codify and advance portions of their radical abortionon-demand agenda, which is simply out of touch with where a majority of Americans are on this deeply moral issue. This legislation does nothing to prevent an unrelated adult or sexual abuser from taking a minor out-of-state for an abortion. It also undermines mandatory reporting laws in states that require health professionals, social workers, and schools to report instances of child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect that could be seen as delaying or hindering access to an abortion. It also undermines the ability of states to hold sexual abusers accountable. Finally, this bill would stop states from preventing abortion pill mills and gives human traffickers and abusers more direct access to chemical abortions to hide evidence of their heinous crimes. We need to protect the rights of victims and minors, not the rights of criminals who continue to abuse our most vulnerable. I will continue to support compassionate pro-life policies that ensure women and families, especially those facing unexpected pregnancies, have the tools, resources, and support they need to make decisions that embrace life. This bill passed the House by a vote of 223-205.

I voted "No" on H.R. 8296, the more accurately named Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act. This legislation once again proves how radical House Democrats have become in their pro-abortion advocacy. Long gone are the days in which they advocated for "safe, legal, and rare." Instead, House Democrats are once again bringing up this piece of legislation that goes far beyond codifying Roe and places virtually no restrictions on abortion, putting the United States on par with China and North Korea in allowing the most radical abortion policies in the world, including sex-selective abortion. While Democrats claim that this bill will "codify Roe," it is far more extreme and would create a national standard allowing for abortions for any reason and at any stage up until birth. This bill allows for discriminatory abortions based on a baby's sex, race, or disability and overrides state laws that would protect unborn babies with Down syndrome and other disabilities. This legislation would also weaken conscience protections for medical providers who refuse to provide abortions and removes commonsense protections to ensure parental involvement for minors or laws protecting women from coercion. Overall, this radical bill is out of step with the 80% of Americans who support restrictions on abortion, especially in the third trimester. The right to abortion is not one that has ever been guaranteed or protected by the Constitution of the United States. The right to life is one of the most fundamental principles underlying our Constitutional framework. I will always stand for the unborn and oppose the dangerous abortion-on-demand policies that are being pushed by far-left politicians in New York and Washington. This bill passed the House by a vote of 219-210.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8351, the Formula Act**. This bill will help families though our nation's current baby formula shortage by temporarily suspending all tariffs on imports of baby formula until December 31, 2022. The Formula Act will ensure families have access to plentiful and affordable infant formula. The Biden Administration, which knew about the looming shortage since last year, has been far too slow in dealing with this crisis. This bill will ensure families are not paying additional taxes on formula imported into the United States to cover for shortages that President Biden should have averted months ago. While I would have welcomed more fundamental and wide ranging reforms to boost domestic production and ensure we never repeat this tragic situation, this emergency demands immediate and effective relief for affected families, which this bill delivers. This bill passed the House by a vote of 421-2

I voted "No" on H.R. 203, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4020 Broadway Street in Houston, Texas, as the "Benny C. Martinez Post Office Building." Benny C. Martinez has my enduring gratitude for his service in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his service, he was a Latino civil rights activist. As a council member of his local League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) chapter, Mr. Martinez was a partisan activist who worked to elect local Democrats. Additionally, LULAC advocates for numerous partisan policies, such as a government takeover of healthcare, taxpayer-funded abortion, and expansive benefits for illegal immigrants. While I deeply appreciate Mr. Martinez's service to our country and commitment to his community, I continue to firmly believe that Congress should not use the Post Office naming process to advance partisan causes or activists - it should be a unifying process designed to honor individuals who made extraordinary contributions to their communities beyond partisan activities and policies. This bill passed by a vote of 386-35, with 4 members voting present.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5659, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, as the "John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building." John R. Hatcher III served in the U.S. Air Force and was later a civil rights activist who served as a chapter and regional president in the NAACP. Throughout his career, Mr. Hatcher stated that he believes our country's institutions, specifically law enforcement and the criminal justice system, are systemically racist. While I deeply appreciate Mr. Thatcher's service to our country and commitment to his community, I continue to firmly believe that Congress should not use the Post Office naming process to advance partisan causes or activists - it should be a unifying process designed to honor individuals who made extraordinary contributions to their communities beyond partisan activities and policies. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 348-63, with 5 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7900, FY23 National Defense Authorization Act. This important legislation provides our military and its leaders with the resources they need to defend the nation, supports servicemembers, and counters our adversaries. Specifically, the bill reverses President Biden's dangerous cuts to our military by boosting the defense topline by \$37 billion, ensuring growth of 7% in FY23. This 7% growth will help our nation meet the levels called for by President Trump to rebuild the military and strengthen our defenses. The bill increases support for our servicemembers by providing a 4.6% pay raise and extending the prohibition on dishonorably discharging servicemembers who refuse a COVID-19 vaccination. This year's NDAA invests in the modernization of our nuclear arsenal, increases vital resources to counter China, and strengthens oversight of all Department of Defends funds, including those provided to Ukraine. It also includes important provisions that will help ensure the security and stability of Israel, our democratic ally in the Middle East, in the face of malign Iranian aggression. (Contd. Pg. 58)

#### This week with Claudia

(From Pg.57) This year's NDAA also takes proper action to declare the record number of illegal immigration crossings that are occurring at our Southern Border as a risk to our national security. The bill rightfully funds the National Guard's operation and maintenance account to support proper border deployments and other efforts to counter human trafficking and the infiltration of illegal narcotics. House Republicans fought hard to ensure that this legislation pushes back on the left's woke agenda by clarifying that lethality is the centerpiece of our national defense strategy and that any activities that do not increase lethality are a distraction from the Department of Defense's mission. I am especially pleased that the bill passed tonight contains four amendments that I drafted, including one to ensure our military has the technology to counter Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems that are used to target Americans and exploit air space, and two measures to counter Iran's malign influence. Another will stop American infrastructure projects from going to companies affiliated with ties to the Chinese Communist Party or those headquartered in China, ensuring federal contracts do not subsidize the CCP's gross human rights abuses. The NDAA will help safeguard the United States, counter threats, and support our service men and women. While I did not agree with every provision in this bill, its passage prioritizes policies to strengthen our defenses, improve readiness, and advance research and development that will give our military forces critical advantages. I am pleased that Republicans were able to push back on demands from far-left Democrats, who ultimately voted against this bill, and ensure that our national security is strengthened. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 329-101.

I voted "Yes" H.R. 1934, the Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act. This bill directs the President to establish an interagency working group to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance U.S. leadership in international bodies that set standards for 5th and future generations of mobile telecommunications (5G) technology, such as the International Telecommunication Union. This legislation helps the United States aggressively counter China's growing 5G expansion around the world by increasing U.S. leadership and participation at international standards-setting bodies for 5G technology. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 405-20.

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res 59, Condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan. This concurrent resolution condemns the October 25, 2021, coup in Sudan. It recognizes the Prime Minister and his cabinet as the constitutional leaders of Sudan's transitional government and calls for Sudan's military junta, among other things, to immediately release all civilian government officials, civil society members, and other individuals detained in connection with the coup; return to constitutional rule under the transitional constitution; and lift the state of emergency, including complete restoration of all means of communication. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 417-7.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 720, Calling for stability and the cessation of violence and condemning ISIS-affiliated terrorist activity in northern Mozambique, including the Cabo Delgado Province. This resolution condemns the terrorist attacks and violence carried out by ISIS-Mozambique in the Cabo Delgado Province and urges the government of Mozambique to take actions to counter violent extremism and protect its citizens. We must condemn the violent extremism and terrorism that ISIS-affiliated groups continue to spread in all countries, including Mozambique. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 409-18.

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res. 45, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999. This resolution expresses the sense of Congress that the individuals responsible for the July 1999 murders of U.S. citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in Serbia should be brought to justice and that the United States should devote sufficient resources to fully assist and monitor Serbia's efforts to investigate and prosecute such individuals. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 423-1.

**I** voted "Yes" on H. Res. 892, Calling on the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to release Paul Rusesabagina on humanitarian grounds. This resolution calls on the government of Rwanda to immediately release Paul Rusesabagina on humanitarian grounds and permit him to return safely to the United States. It further calls on the government of Rwanda to ensure Paul Rusesabagina receives access to appropriate, qualified medical professionals and all medical care necessary to guarantee his physical safety and psychological well-being. It also urges the U.S. government in all interactions with the government of Rwanda to raise the case of Paul Rusesabagina and to press for his immediate release on humanitarian grounds. Finally, the resolution expresses support to the family of Paul Rusesabagina and their commitment to bringing him home. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 413-8.

**I** voted "Yes" on H.R. 7337, the Access to Veterans Records Act of 2022. It is important for those who served our country to receive help and benefits quickly and efficiently. However, throughout the pandemic, the backlog of requests for records at the National Personnel Records Center has exploded to over 600,000. This system houses records that are essential for veterans to receive service-related benefits, including medical treatment, unemployment assistance, and emergency housing services. The primary drivers of these outrageous delays were the lack of digitization and on-site workforce during the pandemic. This bill will as a direct response to this issue, provide \$60 million to address the backlog, enhance cybersecurity, and digitize the records. It also requires the center to submit a plan to Congress regarding how they will eliminate the backlog with target timeframes. This bill passed the House by a vote of 406-21.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7174, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022. This legislation reauthorizes the Department of Homeland Security's National Computer Forensic Institute (NCFI) until 2032. Over the next decade, the mission of the NCFI will be to equip and educate state and local law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, and members of the U.S. Secret Service's cyber fraud task forces on how to investigate and identify emerging threats to United States cybersecurity. As the global threat landscape continues to evolve, is critical that we ensure our cybercrime investigations and cyber incident response are as effective as possible. This bill passed by a vote of 410-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5274, the Prevent Exposure to Narcotics and Toxics (PREVENT) Act of 2021. This legislation amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide USCBP agents with training on the use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other hazardous and potentially lethal substances. As narcotics and related contraband continue to stream over our unchecked Southern Border, Congress must ensure that members of law enforcement are well equipped to safely handle substances like fentanyl, which can be fatal in even the smallest of doses. This bill passed by a vote of 429-0.

I voted "No" on H.R. 6538, the Active Shooter Alert Act of 2022. This previously failed suspension bill is an unnecessary and redundant piece of legislation that adds another layer of bureaucracy to the highly politicized Biden Department of Justice (DOJ). This bill establishes a National Coordinator at DOJ to issue best practices and guidelines for states and local governments' active shooter emergency alert systems. This bill uses federal coordination, coupled with broad definitions of "active shooter" and "populated area," to encourage state and local governments to issue emergency alerts in a manner designed to stoke public fear of firearms. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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# Daniel Pierce Library Summer Challenge Bookmark Contest 2022 Calling ALL aspiring artists ages 5-18 years

Three Categories: Ages 5-7 years, 8-11 years, and 12-18 years

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View the official guidelines and rules on the back of this flyer or visit us at www.danielpiercelibrary.org **The deadline for ALL entries is Friday, July 29,** 2022.

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John Bennett, whose childhood wish of bringing his teddy bear to life came true. Today, as a man, Ted must decide between keeping the relationship with his talking rather intellectually astute bear that plagues Ted or his girlfriend, Lori.

Parents beware too much terribly-naughty, a rough language, and situations for the young of mind



Directed by Seth MacFarlane, Starring, Mark Wahlberg, Mila and Kunis, Seth MacFarlane

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#### (From Pg. 71) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II HONORING LOVE WITH

GILDA (1946 / RATED PG / ROMANTIC FILM-NOIR / 120 MIN) HTTPS://WWW.IMDB.COM/TITLE/TT0038559



A small-time gambler hired to work in a Buenos Aires casino discovers his employer's new wife is his also his wife.



Directed by Charles Vidor. StarRING Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, George Macready

#### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III MAZON IMDB ON A HONORING LOVE WITH BASIC INSTINCT (1992 / Murder / Romance, / Rated R / 2hr 07 min )

A honest struggling violent police detective investigates a brutal murder that might involve a manipulative and seductive novelist. The European release is much more explicit than the American release (which had to be submitted seven times to the MPAA in order to avoid an NC-17 rating). The European version is available unrated on video in the US. The US version uses alternate, less explicit takes of several scenes to tone down the sex content.



The murder of Johnny Boz in the opening scene is more graphic; we see the killer stabbing him in his neck, stabbing him repeatedly in the chest, in the face and we see the ice-pick passing through his nose.

The scene where Nick and Catherine make love after going to the disco is longer much more explicit in the uncut version.

Stay safe and stay Knarf Odnamoc, Gnomg