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Miss NY International Brianna Worden on Her Way to Miss International

Miss New York International Brianna Worden, is on her way to Tennessee to compete for the title of Miss International. Brianna's Platform *SHINING A LIGHT ON INVISIBLE ILLNESS* focuses on an incurable genetic disorder called Neurofibromatosis or NF for short. NF causes the growth of tumors on the nervous system and leads to extreme health risks. These health risks can include, bone deformities, blindness, deafness, learning disabilities, rare and very dangerous form of cancer, and even death. There are 2.5 million people impacted by NF, making this the most common neurological disorder... but very few know people about it. Every person with this disorder is impacted differently, no two people are the same...

Brianna was born with this disorder and wants to break the stigma of invisible illness. Brianna states that "it is important to understand that what makes this disorder a invisible illness is:

1). Since very few people know about it, it can be hard for a patient to express their pain and health needs

2). Some patients are often judged for "invisible" health complications such as tumors that are not visible unless you are looking at an MRI scan. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Rock out with Mike Miz & the Northeast Extension at the Tusten Theatre



On Saturday, July 30th at 7:30 PM, DVAA is thrilled to welcome Northeast Pennsylvania native and Americana, roots-rock artists, Mike Miz & The Northeast Extension to the Tusten Theatre.

"A monster of a jam-rocker" -Joe Hudak, Rolling Stone

Mike Mizwinski, better known simply as Mike Miz is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist known for soulful and energetic live performances. Audiences will be dazzled by Miz's storytelling through song and blistering guitar solos.

Mike performs over 200 shows a year and has had the privilege to open for Jason Isbell, Jakob Dylan, Blues Traveler, Derek Trucks, America, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Lukas Nelson, Shawn Colvin, Leon Russell, and Chris Isaak, among others. Originally from Scranton, Mike currently resides in Nashville, TN.

Performance takes place at the Tusten Theatre, located at 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 DVAA Members) in advance and \$30/\$25 at the door. Kids twelve and under are free. Doors open at 7pm

Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Proverbs 30:5

OBITUARY

Gertrude Irene Miller a longtime resident of Ellenville, NY and more recently Itaca, NY, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Oak Hill Manor. She was 96 years old. Gertrude was born on February 16, 1923 in Neversink, NY; she was the daughter of the late Willard and Hattie (Avery) Kracht.

Gertrude was a member of St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church and Shawangunk Valley Senior the Citizens of Napanoch. She had worked as a School Bus Driver for Ellenville Central Schools until her retirement in 1985.

In addition to her parents, Gertrude was predeceased by her son Frank Miller, her husband Robert Miller, her sisters, Marion Stackhouse, Mildred DePuy and Edith Kracht and her brothers, Edward, Willard Jr., Melvin, Robert and Charles Kracht.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Irene, Thomas, Nancy, Louise, Florence, Ronald and Douglas and her grandniece Michelle.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 27th at 10:00 am at Fantinekill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Gertrude's name to a charity of one's choice.

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

July 30, 1952

The last shot was fired at 12:45 p.m. Friday, the 25th, to make a hole through between the Lows Corners portal and the Willowemoc shaft on the East Delaware tunnel. The NYC Board of Water Supply is constructing the tunnel to connect the Pepacton Reservoir near Downsville with the Merriman Dam at Lackawack in its big new chain or reservoirs in the southern Catskills.

Cecil Hamilton, 44, of Neversink died last Tuesday afternoon at the Liberty-Loomis Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Hamilton was born January 15, 1908 in the Town of Rockland, the

son of Charles and Addie VanWagner Hamilton. He was married November 25, 1933 to Kathleen Wright who survives him. They had two children, Sharon, 11, and Charles, 9. Other survivors include a twin sister, Mrs. Cecilia Bevier and brothers, Ranse, Earl and Walton.

Pfc. Jay Zanetti spent a few hours at his home here last week before sailing for Germany. He was inducted into the Army last February and had been stationed at Fort Eustis, Va.

July 25, 1962

The City of New York has discontinued its tax assessment review case against the Town of Neversink and Central School District #1. The city had felt that its tax assessments were unreasonable in comparison with assessments on other land.

Miss Juliana Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Neversink, is on the Dean's List at the State University College at Cortland for the second semester. Miss Nash is junior and is majoring in Physical Education.

Dale W. Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Ross of Denman Mt. Road, Grahamsville has been named to the Dean's List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the spring semester. Dale is employed by Central Hudson for the summer.

August 2, 1972

Congratulations to BarbaraAnn Nadekow and Daniel Monforte who were united in marriage on July 22nd at the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. Barbara is the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. William Nadekow of Woodbourne and Daniel is the son of Mary and the late Thomas Monforte of Woodbourne. The bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is presently employed by the New York Telephone Company. The groom is employed by A.T. Reynolds Co. in Monticello. The couple will reside in Woodbourne.

Allen Bitter, President of the New York FFA Association was one of 82 FFA officers who met Wednesday with Secretary of Agriculture, Earl L. Butz. The hour long meeting was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the nation's Capital. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History (From Pg. 2) July 29, 1982

Julie Kaye Schulte was graduated from Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, Albany, N.Y. on June 21, 1982 with a degree in Nursing. She is a 1979 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lawrence of Charlottesville, Va. are the proud parents of a daughter, Lisa Marie, born April 28, 1982. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. Mrs. Lawrence is the former Arlene Amaral of Parksville. Mrs. John T. Lawrence of Divine Corners is the proud grandmother.

Todd Gorton and Ted Hudson have each qualified for the AAU-USA Junior Olympic National Championship Track Meet at Memphis State University in Tennessee, Aug. 4-8. Todd won the pole vault with a 13' leap in the 17-18 year old division.

SC Legislature to Discuss Redistricting at August 11 Public Hearing Presentation Will Be Made; Comments Welcome

Monticello, NY - Legislators invite the public to join them on August 11 to share comments on the redistricting process now under way for Sullivan County.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, with a presentation by County Manager Joshua Potosek and Real Property Tax Services Director Christopher Knapp. They will explain how redistricting works and what data-gathering is involved.

Legislators will then discuss the three proposed redistricting maps developed by independent consultant Main Street Communications. They will also take public comment.

A decision on which map to choose will not be made at the hearing but may occur as early as the August 18 meeting of the full Legislature. Legislators have to decide on the redrawn legislative district boundaries no later than the end of the year.

To view the maps and for more detailed information about redistricting, visit

http://www.sullivanny.us/Departments/Legislature/ Redistricting.

Household Hint:

Deter Ants

Spray vinegar around door and window frames, under appliances, and along other known ant trails.

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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.

Why Do Sycamores Shed Their Bark?

The scientific name of the Sycamore tree (often referred to as the American Sycamore) is Platanus Occidentalis and belongs to the family of Platanaceae which is one of the oldest tree family of the world.

American Sycamore trees can often be easily distinguished from other trees by its camouflage-look bark. The mottled exfoliating bark flakes off in irregular masses, leaving the surface mottled, and creamy-white, gray and brown.

I remember asking Peggy DeWire, "Why do sycamores shed their bark?"

She claimed, "During prehistoric times all trees shed their bark. As they evolved, they began to develop a springiness in their bark that yielded as the tree grew. The Sycamore never learned to do that, and to this day still sheds its bark."

The leaves of a Sycamore are palmate (like a hand) with three or five lobes. The edge of the leaf is wavy, with teeth. The top of the leaf is bright

green, and the underside is pale green. They have a long petiole (leafstalk). In fall the leaves turn brown.

Sycamore is a monoecious plant that means that it produces individual male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers are yellowish-green, arranged in drooping clusters that bloom during April. Flowers produce nectar that attracts bees, the main pollinators of this species.

In early August, most trees in general will have, nestled in the axils of their leaves, the tiny forming bud which will produce the leaves of the coming year. The sycamore branch apparently has no such buds. Instead there is an enlargement of the petiole (the stalk that joins a leaf to a stem) that encloses the bud in a tight-fitting case at the base of the petiole.

By fall the fruits of the Sycamore are one inch brown balls which hang on stalks. This fruit is often called, "Buttonballs" that contain seeds which are packed tightly together inside the fruit, called "achenes" - light dry, hairy fruits that can travel far on the wind, or float on water, to grow in new places. The seeds are also dispersed by birds and other animals. Most of the Buttonballs fall, although some stay on the tree through the winter.

The American Sycamore is one of the largest hardwood trees, usually growing 60 to 100 feet tall, but sometimes larger. They have a large, straight trunk, normally two to four feet in diameter.

The record holder today is located in Ashland County in Ohio with a diameter of more than 15 feet and a circumference of 48.5 feet. This giant is 129 feet tall. A Sycamore can survive from 150 to 600 years in the wild. After 200 or 300 years, they become hollow. In colonial times, families used hollow Sycamores as temporary shelter, and a single trunk cavity was known to hold up to 15 men on horseback!

Is there a real answer as to why the Sycamore sheds its bark? One hypothesis is that the thin bark is an adaptation to the floodplain environment. Water conservation, an advantage that thick bark offers, is not necessary with the continual availability of moisture. Thin bark may conversely allow for increased transpiration of water through and out of the tree's system, speeding growth and ultimately leading to exfoliation.

Another idea, pointed out by tree biologist John A. Keslick, Jr. "This tree has a unique cortex that as the outer bark is shed then this tree can photosynthesize even with no leaves on the tree." Perhaps shedding bark is not just coincidental but necessary for the increased photosynthesis along the trunk and branches, generating an increased growing season that contributes to rapid growth and survival.

Knowing that Sycamore trees have a good root system and can help stop erosion, it is no wonder with all the floods in Sundown there are many healthy young Sycamore trees growing along the stream where the land had eroded.

Mother Nature seems to always have the right answer!



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Miss NY International Brianna Worden on Her Way to Miss International

(From Pg. 1)

3). In other cases, patients may not have tumors but have learning delays. This often causes issues in their educational learning environment. Just because the patient does not have tumors, does not mean that they do not see their specialist for NF every few months. Students with learning delays still deserve an equal education.

4). Some patients may be covered in tumors and feel that others see them for their tumors and not for who they are as a person.

There is no cure. As Miss International, an NF ambassador, and person with NF it is my goal that I can make NF visible, and shine a light on abilities rather than disabilities."

Vote Brianna People's Choice for the International Pageant. If she wins, she will automatically be in the finals!

https://www.miss-international.us/miss-internationalpchoicevoting.php?id=1436&fbclid=IwAR2Fuq9EkRaYgQebDo3fH WQEtj5naDtMYSBXKstax0oUwnjPW5W597OqJBM&fs=e& s=cl&fs=e&s=cl

Make a donation to help fund treatment: https://join.ctf.org/fundraiser/3736939

Move Sullivan Bus Service Drops Fares One-Way Ride Now 30¢ But County Will Cover Cost

Monticello, NY - Legislators on Thursday unanimously approved reducing fares for a one-way Move Sullivan bus ride from \$2 to just 30 cents. They also agreed to cover that cost for every rider, meaning that any trip via Move Sullivan will be free of charge, starting August 1, 2022.

"Costs are going up everywhere - gas, groceries, services - so I'm pleased to let folks know there's something that's going down in price instead," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley, who created and oversees the Move Sullivan program. "The County is thankfully in a position to offer what is in essence a complete removal of the bus fare, without negatively impacting taxpayers."

The resolution passed by the Legislature authorizes this reduction to remain in effect through December 31, 2023.

"Move Sullivan has proven to be a great program, one that we plan to expand in the very near future," affirmed Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. "For many riders, it's a lifeline to doctors' offices, shopping and government services."

For more information about Move Sullivan and a schedule of stops, visit www.movesullivan.com or call 845-434-4102.

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(From Pg. 1) COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

COVID Safety protocols apply to attending DVAA's events. For a complete list of current safety protocols and attendee requirements, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/covidsafety-policy/.

SUPPORT DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to 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; the Sullivan County Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; the Fair Games Fund; the Heartland Embers Fund, our 2022 Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you. THE TOWNSMAN



Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it. We'll still be reviewing the newest and best and brightest of published mystery and spy thrillers while working on our own Jake McKern series. Stay tuned . . . there's still more to come. JDM

Death and the Conjuror Mysterious Book Report No. 500 by John Dwaine McKenna

If you're a fan of murder mysteries who's put off by too much gore, but still loves the mental challenge of trying to figure out who did it before the denouement –the por reveals all-this week's historic MBR No. 500 — Death and the Conjurar

point where the author reveals all-this week's historic MBR No. 500 . . . *Death and the Conjuror*, (Mysterious Press, \$25.95, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-61316-318-4), by Tom Mead . . . is everything you've been looking for and more. Written in the Golden Age style, it begins September 1936, when a seemingly impossible murder takes place within the locked confines of a London, England office.

Scotland Yard Inspector George Flint is stumped when prominent Austrian psychiatrist Anselm Rees is found dead in his study. With the door locked from the inside and the window to the outside, the Doctor is found with his throat slit. The impossibility of the crime causes the Detective to call on his friend and world-



class magician Joseph Spector for help. Inspector Flint hopes that the master illusionist will be able to somehow determine how this fiendishly clever crime was carried out in a locked room, and most importantly . . . by whom. One theory is that the killing was revenge by allies of a former patient in Austria whose throat was cut in a similar fashion. But just as the pair are honing their theories, a potential witness is hung in a locked elevator cab and at the same time, the impossible theft of a priceless and rare painting takes place under all of their noses. Naturally, the intrepid pair of sleuths are personally compelled to solve those associated crimes along the way in this atmospheric and suspenseful –as well as complex –locked room mystery that's a homage to the Golden Age of pulps from the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. Flint and Spector are an entertaining and riotous pair that all fans of puzzle mysteries will root for and hope to see more of soon!

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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.sullivanhousingstudy.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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50 Years

The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda The Boiceville Inn

I doubt there is a person in the town of Olive that has NOT been to the Boiceville Inn for dinner, pizza, or some event. The Inn, affectionately known as the BI, has been part of our community for fifty years. Not just a part of our town; it has become the center, the hub of our community.

Barbara and John Parete and their children: Patty, John Jr., Richie, and Rob have been hosting events like weddings, after funeral gatherings, sports celebrations, baby showers, fund raisers, meetings, birthday parties, Trout Unlimited Meetings, elec-

tion night vote counting, and the list goes on and on.

John Parete has for years thrown a Thanksgiving dinner for seniors. He is the inventor of the Fall Frankfurter Festival. He created Breakfast with.Santa where families with kids can have a great free breakfast, meet Santa, have a picture taken, and leave with candy and

toys. He has held dinner theaters and Line Dance Lessons. Many of the events are using

the Inn out of community commitment, not for profit or power. John and Barbara are Olive's Host and Hostesses lending their space and sometimes finances to a town that lacks a Community Center or Main Street to gather. They have been supporters of teams, the school, and every event that goes on in our small town.

It is only fitting that they are celebrating their fifty years by throwing a party for the town at Davis Park this Sunday to thank their friends and patrons for support and friendships.

Years ago, I said I was going to write a book about the characters and shenanigans of the Boiceville Inn. My husband warned me not to. He said we might have to move away/. I didn't want to do that.

So the walls of this lively and welcoming Inn remain silent, but hold the memories of the many lives that connected there throughout the fifty years.





Farmer's Market Coupons Now Available

Monticello, NY - The Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program provides an opportunity for eligible seniors to support local farmers and improve their health by increasing their consumption of locally grown fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut herbs.



Peaches at Monticello Farmers Market on North Street

To that end, the Office for the Aging will be distributing Farmer's Market Coupon booklets beginning July 25. Each booklet contains five (5) \$5 coupons, for a total of \$25. Coupons are valid through November 30, 2022 at participating Farmer's Markets.



Coupons are available to eligible seniors on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to take advantage of this program, you must be a New York State resident and 60 years of age or older. You must affirm that your income is no more than

- o For a 1-person household: \$2,096 a month; or
- o For a 2-person household: \$2,823 a month; or
- o For a 3-person household: \$3,551 a month; or
- o You are currently receiving or are eligible for SSI, public assistance, SNAP (food stamps), or Section 8 housing.

You may pick up coupons at the Office for the Aging in the Government Center in Monticello between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Transportation Building, 401 Airport Road, Swan Lake, every Tuesday or Thursday in August from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Office at (845) 807-0241 or (845) 807-0244.

Coupons will also be available at the following locations dates specificed:

Monticello-Neighborhood Farmers Market, North Street across from Sullivan County Government Center on Thursdays, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18

Liberty	Creekside Park Farmers Market, 117 North Main Street Friday, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12
Mamakating	Community Church of Wurtsboro, 134 Sullivan Street Thursday, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18
Tusten	Narrowsburg Farmers Market, 7 Erie Avenue Saturday, 8/6
Delaware	Callicoon Creek Park Farmers Market, Route 17B, Callicoon Sunday, 7/31
Fallsburg	Loch Sheldrake public parking lot, Route 52 at Hasbrouck Rd Friday, 8/12, 8/19
Monticello	Federation for the Homeless, 9 Monticello Street Friday, July 22, August 5
Bethel	Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market, 3594 Route 55 Saturday, July 30, 8/13, 8/27 August, 13, 27

Life is Just Better with Music

Sometimes all you really need is good music and good company. So, find a place for a sleepover- we have some amazing accommodations- pack up the gang, and let the music move you.

The Callicoon Center Band- a talented community of local music teachers, merchants, social workers, teens and retirees- gather weekly to perform polkas, waltzes and classics every Wednesday at 8 pm at the Barn at Callicoon Hills. This is a Sullivan Catskills tradition worth seeing! Another tradition here is dinner, a show, and the cabaret at Forestburgh Playhouse. Now through July 31 dance in the aisles to Abba tunes in the hit show, Mamma Mia!

In between the music, fairs and festivals will liven up the streets surely you'll be hungry and thirsty. Our chefs and beverage makers will fuel you up with Catskill-icious food and drink. If after all that you're still looking for more things to do, explore all the possibilities on land and water- on foot, bikes or boats- or just go shopping. Check our Sullivan Catskills Go App (from the Apple Store or Google Play Store) events page and our website calendar for other fun things to do. Plan Ahead:

MusicTalks at Catskill Art Society -An evening with Composer in Residence, Hannah Kendall - July 28 at 7:30 pm

Jenn Ahn Misner with Members of Manor Camerata - A string quartet concert at the Beaverkill Community Church - July 31 at 2 pm.

The Bagel Festival - Join the fun on Broadway in Monticello, NY (the Bagel Capital) on August 14 from 9am - 4pm

River Rep Theatre hosts additional performances of John Patrick Shanley's classic play, Danny and the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

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Deep Blue Sea, August 6 at 7pm, and August 7 at 2pm, at the Delaware Valley Opera Center in Lake Huntington. BOWWO&W - Celebrate the dog days of August on the Mountain Dale O&W Trail August 11 at 6 pm followed by a puppy happy hour at participating businesses

Come listen to the music and take advantage of all those tunes and a whole lot more. It's a 90-minute drive from Manhattan and the metro NY-NJ area. On the ride, play a round of Name that Tune!

Blue Hole & Peekamoose Valley Camping 2022 REMINDER: You need a permit for Blue Hole

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-blue-hole/NY/5935/overview*



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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

I'm a big fan of the non conventional. Singer LAURA GARONE fits that beautifully. If you have never been in the audience at one of her performances, let me clue you in on what you can expect. Formal dress, for one. It is not unusual for her to be on stage in a sequined evening gown. For another, this lady has a repertoire of the most borderline raunchy and suggestive songs I have ever heard in one place. They are funny, thought provoking and illicit a "Wait. Did I just hear that?" response. And her followers love her.



The first time I saw her, I'm thinking she pulled these bluesy numbers from maybe the 20's and 30's, and I'm sure some may be. The style is very much in the vein of BARBARA CARR and not in least unpleasant. And just when you think you've got the gist of how the evening is going to go, she'll turn the tables and hit you with MISS CELIE'S BLUES or a deep down love song like HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN and you realize there's a whole lot more than your first impression allowed.

A few years ago, she put together a band and named it SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL

with band members, STEVEN **SCHWARTZ** guitar, on K E N N Y WYNDHAM on bass and at that time MIKE CER-VONE on drums. If the names sound familiar, you may be remembering



from earlier columns, were with the great JOANNA GASS, with the addition of ERIC NEIS on keyboards, weekly at the BREW in Rock Hill as THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA.

Also a few years ago, Laura built a stage adjacent to her company, ATKINS AND GARONE, on Highway 52 in Liberty, aptly named THE LIBERTY SOUL STAGE. But not just to showcase her band but to provide another outdoor venue which turned out to be most timely as CoVid hit. The stage continues to draw to this day.

Saturday was a very special as it was the only performance of SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL with STEVE SCHWARTZ, BILLIE on drums, MIKE MINDEL from Newburg on keyboards and his son MAX on bass. But also special for another reason: LAURA GARONE and her long time boyfriend GREG CHERRY said their "I do(s)" in the break between sets with the entire audience as their witnesses. It was a lovely, moving moment.

I don't know who knew this was happening, but I sure didn't. I DID know HURLEYVILLE PRIDE was going on but I



thought the parade was scheduled for 3pm. Nope. It was just

beginning as I was ready to turn on to Main Street. I really wanted to attend the festivities at the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER (I heard there were people performing on a trapeze!) but I under am strict instructions not to go out in this heat, so being privy to the parade was my con-



It was such fun!!

People dancing, riding

bikes, couples walking

holding hands with

their heads held high,

people along the way

joining in solidarity...it

was very heartwarm-

ing. We humans are an

interesting group. We

are different colors.

We come from differ-

ent backgrounds. We

come from different

places in the world.

Right down to different

food likes and dislikes.



But we are also exactly the same. Across all of this, love feels the same. Sadness feels the same. Grief feels the same. Comfort feels the same. A few decades ago, there was this experiment. I can't give you the specifics of where, but I know the gist.

Let's say it was 24 people. The man from Alabama who hated (let's say) all Danish people for no specific reason would be paired with a Dane who believed all people from Alabama had an IQ of 60 and lived in shacks. The rules were simple. They were not allowed to insult one another and they must just talk to each other. You get the idea. By the end of an hour, eleven of the twelve one on one groups had found they had things in common. The twelfth did not succeed because one felt it was far more important to insult, regardless. The eleven continued to talk after the experiment concluded.

I remember thinking back then that what a better place the world would be if we just talked to each other. We all have a great deal in common if we can just get past the blocks.

Stay safe, stay well (CoVid is starting to spike again), and mask if you're in a high risk category or even just nervous. I am.

Until next time.....

THE TOWNSMAN



Triumphant "Safe Home" world premiere travels through time



This past weekend I was lucky enough to see the world premiere of "Safe Home" at Shadowland Stages. The play, written by Tom Hanks (yes, that Tom Hanks) and James Glossman, has lived in my mind since. I spent quite a bit of time Saturday night thinking about it and the nuanced way it explored just what it means to be human - the good, bad, ugly, hopeful, and beautiful. I had the chance to speak with lead actor Timothy Busfield a few weeks ago, and we talked about the overwhelming and uncanny power love has in the show and that is something I keep returning to when I think about "Safe Home."

The show follows Bert Allenberry, played by Busfield, a genius and billionaire as he attempts to return to the 1939 World's Fair to find Carmen (Eilis Cahill), a young woman he met on one of six time-travel vacations who he realizes he's fallen in love with. Along the way he visits a small town in Ulster County, NY on Christmas Eve 1953, flashed back to the end of World War II in Europe, sees Babe Ruth and the Yankees play in Cleveland in 1924, stops by Nashville in 1961 and witnesses a refugee from Bulgaria try to make a new life in New York City in 1949. It sounds like a lot of story, but Busfield and his fellow castmates take the audience along on the ride and seamlessly slip between multiple characters and stories with ease. The sheer amount of dialogue, soliloquies and physical movement and quick scene changes are astounding. The play is ambitious to say the least, and, in my opinion, a pure triumph.

I truly cannot say enough about the skill of this cast. The seven cast members take on over twenty-three individual parts throughout the show and each gets a moment to shine. Angeline Rose Troy plays Bert's fourth wife Cindee with a breezy attitude, and then swiftly switches to a World War II soldier under attack and slides into the role of disillusioned secretary Dorothy in 1949. Paul Murphy brings 1953 father, and wounded veteran, Virgil Buell to life and mesmerizes with his skill and control during a flashback to the end of World War II in 1944. Nikkole Salter guides the audience through the story as Howard, CEO of Chronometric Adventures, and inhabits the refugee Assan in 1949, bringing to life his struggles, joy, and heartbreak

in a moving speech during the second act. James Riordan steals the show quite a few times as a pissed off Cleveland fan in 1924 who had the audience chortling, and as Virgil Buell's best friend Bud, a man dealing with the traumatic memories of war, and what it can make a man do. There is no small role in this show.

The core three actors who keep meeting again and again are Busfield as Allenberry, Cahill as Carmen, and young Leyu Girma, who plays Carmen's niece Virginia (as well as grumpy Greek diner owner Costas).

Girma is a star in the making. She holds her own with actors who have been in the profession longer than she's been alive. At only 13, Girma blew me away with her range and skill and I'm sure we'll be seeing more of her in the future.

Cahill toggles between Carmen, and other characters, using her body language and voice skills to inhabit a 5-year-old on Christmas morning as well as a Greek sailor. But her role as Carmen is her crowning achievement and she floats through the play and Bert Allenberry's life with ease. She captures the role with a timeless grace.

Busfield leads the cast as Bert Allenberry and shows us how a man with everything comes to realize there's more to life than money or things. His portrayal of Bert after living through Bud's experience in World War II is heartbreaking - a man shaken and broken and crying

from the horrors of war. Busfield artfully portrays Bert as he falls in love with Carmen and imparts his urgency and desperation to find her again. He makes the audience hold their breath as he begs for just a little more time, and we wait to see if he'll get his wish. When you go, bring some tissues because you're going to need them.

In addition to the wonderful cast, the play utilizes video throughout the show to help transport the audience and characters throughout time. From news reel clips from the 1939 World's Fair to footage of Babe Ruth, to photos of New York City in 1949 the bare set design coupled with the screen pulled you right into the show. And the use of the media in a smaller theater rather than on a Broadway stage was impressive and I'm excited to see if Shadowland Stages will utilize it again in the future.

No reviewer ever wants to give away the ending to a show - you'll have to

see it and talk to your friends about it later - but I can say that it's well worth it. I walked away from the show thinking about those questions "Can love truly change us? Can it fundamentally change a person?" And realizing that while many of us look to the past with a golden hue, there are always tarnished and dark moments mixed in with the gold. At the end of the day, each of us has only one life to live and it's human to always want just a little more time. And, like Bert Allenberry, perhaps we should all fight for the life and love that we want and find our own ways safely home.

"Safe Home" runs through August 7th at Shadowland Stages every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Visit shadowlandstages.org or call 845-647-5411 to purchase tickets.

YES! There are still tickets available for SAFE HOME and we want you to see it! So act fast. The best seats are available for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm on July 28th, 29th and 30th and August 4th, 5th and 6th. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW







Happenings in our Gneighborhood –Gnorman the Roamin' Catskill Gnome

This weekend was a little different. We went to the **Indoor Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall** on Friday as we joined other Sundown residents and had a yard sale on Saturday. It was fun, but we are looking forward to next week's new bargains and treasures at the **Indoor Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall that will be held every Friday and Saturday** from 9 to 12 noon until further notice.

Just a reminder for **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. Let's have a new goal – 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?

And the Covered Dish Dinner on August 6 at 5:30 pm at the Sundown Church Hall is just around the corner.

Unfortunately we missed the **Thrift Sale at the Grahamsville UMC**, but we will be there on August 13th. The sale runs from 9 am to 12 Noon. No luncheon on the 13th, but mark your calendars for August 27th when once again, they will have another great luncheon.

On these rainy days why not take a ride around town (if it is safe) to check out the great Neversink Barn Quilt Tour. You can download and print out your own copy of the Neversink Barn Quilt brochure at: *https://townofneversink.org/barn_quilts_brochure.pdf*

For all those campers and Blue Hole guests, 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.

Haven't gotten there yet, but we hear there are **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**"! I wonder who thought that up?

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. This Saturday, July 30th listen to the talented **Julian Giaimo** from **4-7pm** and on **August 6th**, local musician **Shane Rennison** will perform from 4-7pm **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 on August 4, is *The Mighty Ducks* (PG). 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 26 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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Quick Impossible Quesadilla Pie

2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles, drained 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese 2 cups milk 1 cup Bisquick 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 10inch pie plate. Sprinkle chiles and cheese into plate.

Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate. Bake until knife inserted between center and edge comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and guacamole if desired.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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THE TOWNSMAN

JULY 28, 2022



Gramercy Brass Orchestra kicks off exciting 29th season at Shandelee Music Festival

SHANDELEE, NY: The Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) celebrates its 29th season with an exciting two-weeks of world class music. The 2022 season begins on Saturday, August 6 with "An Evening of Chamber Music," featuring a performance by the Gramercy Brass Orchestra. The concert will showcase the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame), Meredith Willson (composer of The Music Man), legendary composer John Williams (Star Wars, Superman, ET, Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, etc.) and more.

The Gramercy Brass Orchestra is led by John Henry Lambert, a trumpet performance graduate of the Manhattan School of Music. He founded the orchestra in New York City in 1982. Mr. Lambert has guest conducted and consulted with bands and orchestra all over the United States, and currently serves as the Director of Bands and trumpet instructor for the United Nations International School in NYC.



The Gramercy Brass Orchestra will open the 29th season of the Shandelee Music Festival on Saturday, August 6.

Accompanying Mr. Lambert will be Max Morden on trumpet, Lee Ann Newland on French horn, Mike Fahie, who wowed the SMF audience last year with his Mike Fahie Jazz Orchestra, and

over 15 other musicians on cornet, flugelhorn, trombone, piano, tuba, euphonium, and percussion.

The New York Times called The Gramercy Brass "The ultimate in pomp and circumstance," and the Gettysburg Festival News said, "The Gramercy group may very well be the most exciting brass group I have ever heard."

The August 6 concert by The Gramercy Brass Orchestra will be performed at SMF's fully accessible, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion, located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor.

All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for SMF members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. Advanced reservations are strongly suggested. Call 845-439-3277. Or purchase your tickets and get more information online at www.shandelee.org.

The Gramercy Brass Orchestra will open the 29th season of the Shandelee Music Festival on Saturday, August 6.

Penny Social Sat. Sept. 24th

At the Napanoch Firehouse, 25 Plank Rd. Napanoch, NY Admission \$1. Doors open at 6PM. Drawing at 730. Sponsored by Ulster Heights Rod &Gun Club

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN SERVICES

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Proposals due August 5, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m. Local Time



TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE 34 MOORE HILL ROAD, GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 1274 0



INTRODUCTION

General Information

The Tri-Valley Central School District is requesting proposals from qualified agencies to provide Pre-Kindergarten Services for eligible four (4) year old children from the School District of Tri-Valley for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the District's approved school calendar. These services shall be provided pursuant New York State Education Law Section 3602-ee, Grant Funded Prekindergarten (Pre-K) Programs Initially Awarded to School Districts in School Years 2014-2015 and 2021-2022. The Pre-K curriculum proposed is expected to align with the School District's and NYS K-12 educational standards.

To be considered, the Business Administrator must receive the proposal in the Business Office of the Tri-Valley Central School District by 2:00 p.m. August 5, 2022. The Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

During the selection process, the Tri-Valley Central School District reserves the right, where it may serve their best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from those submitting a proposal, or to allow corrections, errors or omissions in this request. At the discretion of the Tri-Valley Central School District, agencies submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process. See Appendix D for evaluation criteria.

Prior to entering into a contract with a collaborative prekindergarten provider, the district will conduct a minimum of one on site visit.

It is anticipated the selection of any agency or agencies will be completed by July 15, 2022. Following the notification of the selected agency or agencies it is expected that a contract satisfactory to the Tri-Valley Central School District be negotiated between the parties by August 9, 2022.

Tri-Valley Central School District Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Community-Based Organization (CBO) Application Due: 8/5/2022

Directions: Please complete the Organizational Information and submit it as the cover page to the application. Following this cover page, please provide detailed written responses for the remaining categories

- Program Design and Quality of Programmatic Oversight and Fiscal management
- Learning Environment and Curriculum
- Facility Quality
- Teaching Staff Patterns, Qualifications, Performance and Professional Learning
- Child Eligibility, Screening, Progress Monitoring and Outcomes
- Nutrition, Health and Well-being
- Learning Environment and Curriculum
- Family Engagement and Support/ Partnerships with Non-Profit, Community and Educational Institutions
- Budget of Proposed Expenditures
- See Appendices A through C for additional information and requirements

Please submit **three (3) copies** of your agency's written proposal in a sealed envelope entitled "Proposal for Pre-Kindergarten Services" no later than 2:00p.m. on August 5, 2022:

Robert Whitaker Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Rd. Grahamsville, NY 12740

Organization	al Information
Organization's Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Email Address:
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Contact Person & Title:	
Type of Organization: Public Institution	Private Non-Profit Private Profit
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State whether Organization is licensed, by which agency	y, and type of license:
Statement of the Organization's Mission:	

TIME REQUIREMENTS The following is a list of key dates up to and including the date Pre-Kindergarten services are to commence:

Request for Proposals Issued	7/14/22
Due Date for Proposals	8/5/2022
Selected Agency/Agencies Notified	8/15/2022
Date Services to Commence (estimated)	9/8/2022

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS Inquiries concerning the request for proposals should be addressed in writing no later than 7/22/2022 to:

Robert Whitaker Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Rd. Grahamsville, NY 12740

(I) Program Design and Quality of Programmatic Oversight and Fiscal Management

Include a detailed narrative which articulates the applicant agency's/CBO's philosophy and mission, describes how the eligible collaborating prekindergarten program proposes to provide services that meets the goals and objectives of the district's collaborative prekindergarten program for new half-day and/or full-day four-year-old placements including:

• Demonstrated experience, capacity and effectiveness in immediately implementing an innovative, creative, developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive and sustaining full-day prekindergarten program serving four-year-old students, including those who are ability- and language-diverse;

• Effective, efficient, and collaborative administrative structure, record management and documentation procedures.

• Fiscal solvency and anticipated fiscal share and other resources that will be contributed to full-day prekindergarten program for four-year-old students;

(II) Learning Environment and Curriculum

Provide a detailed description of how the applicant agency/CBO will ensure adherence to the following requirements related to learning environment and curriculum:

• Schedule and Activities for Student-Centered Learning & Development

o Utilization of differentiated instruction with an emphasis on language, emergent literacy, early mathematical skills, social and emotional development, physical abilities, and structured and unstructured play

o Description of program space, scheduling, environment and learning activities to advance students centered learning and development

• Learning Centers

Description of classrooms with clearly-defined, well-equipped learning centers that promote a balance of individual and small group activities.

Learning centers include, but are not limited to:

- o Creative and performing arts
- o Blocks and construction
- o Library, media and technology
- o Mathematics and math manipulatives
- o Science and mature
- o Writing
- o Role playing
- o Indoor and outdoor activities

Each Learning Center:

o Has an assortment of theme-based materials for small group and independent inquiry and exploration

- o Is well-equipped with an appropriate number of a variety of accessible age-appropriate materials
- o Promotes literacy development with appropriate and accessible reading and writing materials
- o Reflects diverse cultures, languages and abilities

• Curriculum and Instruction

Utilization of a developmentally appropriate curriculum that:

- o Is evidenced-based
- o Aligns to NYSED's Prekindergarten Early Learning Standards

o Incorporates the key domains of child development as outlined in NYSED's Resource Guide School Success in Prekindergarten

o Emphasizes language, emergent literacy, early mathematics skills, social and emotional development, physical abilities, and structures & unstructured play

o Facilitates and supports individualized, differentiated, responsive and sustaining instruction for diverse abilities, cultures, and languages

- o Ensures continuity with instruction in the early elementary grades
- o Integrates with the school district's kindergarten-Grade 12 instructional program

o Provides access to and utilizes internet connected and capable technology within classrooms as a component of instructional programming

Preschool Students with Disabilities

Adequate and appropriate accommodations, modifications, and supports to enable preschool students with disabilities effective and equitable access, inclusion and integration in the full range of the program's curriculum, instruction, activities, goals and objectives.

• Emergent Multilingual Learners

Implementation of adequate and appropriate accommodations, modifications, and supports to enable language-diverse Emergent Multilingual Learns with effective and equitable access, inclusion and integration in the full range of the program's curriculum, instruction, activities, goals and objectives.

(III) Facility Quality

Provide a detailed description of how the applicant agency/CBO will ensure adherence to health and safety oversight of the design, sanitation, maintenance, and repair of prekindergarten buildings, classrooms, premises, equipment and furnishings with the objective of maximizing child development and early learning while protecting the health and safety of students at all times. Plans should ensure compliance with the application requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Provide a copy of the certificate of occupancy for the proposed prekindergarten premises.

(IV) Teaching Staff Patterns, Qualifications, Performance, and Professional Learning

Provide a detailed description of how the applicant agency/CBO will ensure adherence to the following requirements related to staffing patterns, qualification, performance, and professional learning.

• Staffing Patterns

Staffing pattern policy to recruit, place and retain a program workforce that considers the diversity and needs of the school district's prekindergarten students and families.

• Teacher Certification Requirements

Provide evidence that applicant agency will comply with teacher certification requirements in accordance with NYSED requirements for Universal Pre-K Programs. Mechanism, process and adequate staffing to collect, record, maintain, verify, update, and report teacher certification compliance and data for:

- o NYS Certified Prekindergarten Teachers
- o Uncertified Prekindergarten Teachers (including the five-year plan for Teacher certification);
- o Where applicable, an appropriately certified on-site educational director;
- o Prekindergarten Teaching Assistants; and Teacher Aides

• Maximum Class Sizes and Minimum Staffing Levels

Assurance maximum four-year-old class sizes

Collaborating Prekindergarten Provider Type	Maximum Class Size (Four-year- old Students)	Minimum Staffing Levels assigned to each class
Family Day Care	6	1 Teacher
Group Family Day Care	12	1 Teacher
Community Boood	18	1 Teacher And 1 Paraprofessional [Teaching Assistant or Teacher Aide]
Community Based Organization	19-20	1 Teacher And 2 Paraprofessionals [Teaching Assistant(s) and/or Teacher Aide(s)]

Professional Learning

A plan for professional learning opportunities which take into account how the collaborating agency will provide substantial professional development opportunities for the instructional staff as it is directly related to student achievement. The plan should also address collaborative opportunities with Tri-Valley Central School District. The plan should be based upon the comprehensive instructional and non-instructional needs of its prekindergarten four-year-old students, their families and communities. Consideration for inclusion:

o Aggregated information on prekindergarten student progress

o Alignment to NYSED's <u>Learning Standards and NYSED's Resource Guides for Success in Early</u> <u>Learning</u>

- o Tri-Valley Central School District's UPK-3rd grade curriculum
- o Input from Tri-Valley Central School District and other collaborating teachers
- o Feedback from families
- o Feedback provided from NYSED (Quality Assurance Protocol)

• Performance

Articulate the applicant agency's/CBO's plan to measure the environmental quality and Teacher-Student interactions of the prekindergarten program with a valid and reliable tool.

o For the purpose of consistent prekindergarten program evaluation, Tri-Valley Central School District requests that collaborating prekindergarten providers/CBOs agree to use the same tool to measure the quality of the learning environment across prekindergarten classrooms in all settings.

o The formal observation tool used by collaborating prekindergarten providers to measure the quality of teacher-student interactions at minimum, is an approved teacher practice rubric for New York State.

• Tri-Valley Central School District currently utilizes The Danielson Group Framework for Teaching

(V) Child Eligibility, Screening, Progress Monitoring, and Outcomes

Provide a detailed description of demonstrated success in assessing and meeting the needs of diverse learners, including children with disabilities in an integrated setting and Emergent Multilingual Learners in English and home language development. Detail adherence to the following protocols:

• Student Eligibility & Attendance

o Tri-Valley Central School District will coordinate and conduct all outreach, recruitment, eligibility, registration, lottery (if necessary), waitlist, enrollment, intake and placement of students in collaborating prekindergarten programs.

o Eligible students are children who reside within the Tri-Valley Central School District, are four years of age on or before December 1st, or who will otherwise be first eligible to enter public school kindergarten commencing with the following school year. Eligible students will adhere to the Tri-Valley Central School instructional day calendar and attendance policy.

New Entrant and Prekindergarten Initial Screening

A process for communicating with Tri-Valley Central School District in regards to students enrolled in the collaborating Prekindergarten program requiring an initial screening assessment.

Progress Monitoring Assessments

Administration of valid and reliable progress monitoring assessments minimally twice per year to measure the progress of each prekindergarten student's language, cognitive and social-emotional development.

o For the purpose of consistent prekindergarten progress monitoring, Tri-Valley Central School District requests that collaborating prekindergarten providers/CBOs agree to use the same tools to measure student growth.

o Tri-Valley Central School District currently utilizes Star Early Literacy (computer-based assessment) to measure growth in language and cognition. A tool for Social-Emotional growth is currently under review.

o Standardized tests will not be administered in prekindergarten

*In accordance with NYS Education Law Section 3602-ee, If a school district/collaborating agency chooses to use a locally developed assessment, it must partner with an organization, typically a university, to go through the psychometric process to deem the assessment valid and reliable. Until a locally developed assessment is deemed valid and reliable, it is required to use commercially developed assessments that have been deemed valid and reliable.

(VI) Nutrition, Health and Well-being

Provide a detailed plan for ensuring adherence to the following requirements related to child nutrition, health, and well-being in all prekindergarten program settings:

• Each student's needs are met through the provision of appropriate meals and snacks. Nutritious meals and snacks are provided at appropriate times and for sufficient durations conducive to meaningful students-student and students-staff interactions

• Provide students with a variety of daily opportunities to engage in developmentally appropriate activities that are indoor and outdoor, structured and unstructured and moderately to vigorously physical

(VII) Family Engagement & Support and Partnership with Non-profit, Community & Educational Institutions

Provide a detailed plan for documenting protocols for ensuring adherence to the following requirements related to family engagement & support, and partnerships with non-profit, community and educational institutions in collaborating prekindergarten program settings:

• Family Engagement Policy and Practice

Active engagement of families, parents and/or guardians in the education of their children. The plan should reflect outreach strategies and how families are engaged free of charge in the languages they understand.

• Annual Program Evaluation Completed by Families

Collaborating agencies will distribute and encourage families, parents and/or guardians to complete the Tri-Valley Central School District program evaluation and/or survey.

Community Partnerships/Comprehensive Support Services

Collaborating agencies will minimally describe the applicant relationship with Tri-Valley Central School District in transitioning their four-year-old students and families to kindergarten. (e.g., Attending relevant events, Meet and Greet with Kindergarten and Special Area Teachers, etc.)

(VIII) Budget	Proposal Summary
Number of classrooms allocated for UPK students for t	
Number of UPK students proposed to be serviced for the (This figure should include both half day students and/	-
Number of half day (AM) students:	
• Number of half day (PM) students: *Note: The sum of the number of AM and PM students should be equal to the 2022-2023 school year.	the total number of half day UPK students proposed to be serviced for
Number of full day students:	
Chief Executive Officer:	
Signature of Chief Executive Officer:	
	dget Summary
Item Description	UPK Funds
Professional Salaries	
Support Staff Salaries	
Purchased Services	
Supplies & Materials	
Travel Expenses	
Employee Benefits	
Indirect Costs	
Equipment (i.e., furniture, technology, etc.)	
TOTAL	
Date of Application Submission:	
Date of Application Submission:	

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APPENDIX A

Safety and Access

The Provider and the District will agree on the terms of Safety, Access, and Entry into school district buildings, including security protocols, method and hours of access and method and responsibility for closing the access points if necessary. A Safety Plan that addresses the UPK Center's protocol shall be given to the District's UPK Director no later than September 1 prior to the start of the school year.

APPENDIX B

General Requirements of the New York State Education Department

A. Admission requirements for children

(a) No child may participate in the pre-kindergarten program unless:

1. A report of a medical examination of the child signed by a physician is submitted within 30 days of admission which states that the child is free from contagious or communicable disease.

2. The child has been immunized to the extent appropriate to his/her age in accordance with section 2164 of the Public Health Law; or has been granted an exemption from such immunization.

(b) Admission shall be in accordance with Tri-Valley Central School District Policies.

B. <u>Physical facilities</u>

(a) Each pre-kindergarten classroom shall have at least a minimum of 30 square feet per child of usable activity space, excluding cloakrooms, bathrooms and storage facilities.

(b) There shall be a minimum of 75 square feet of outdoor play area per child. Less than 75 square feet per child may be permitted upon submission of evidence of careful spacing of equipment and limitation of use to small groups at a time.

(c) There shall be no construction, addition, substantial modification or change in occupancy of buildings or parts of buildings used or to be used in the operation of the pre-kindergarten program unless plans and designs of changes have been approved by the department.

(d) Each pre-kindergarten program shall provide adequate indoor and outdoor space to accommodate a variety of gross motor activities which encourage physical and social development of the children.

(e) The pre-kindergarten program shall be located on or close to the first floor of the building and is accessible for children with handicapping conditions who may participate in the program.
 (f) A bathroom shall be part of, or immediately accessible to, the pre-kindergarten classroom. Such bathrooms must be barrier free.

(g) Appropriate space shall be designated for the use of parent activities.

C. <u>Safety and sanitation</u>

(a) All buildings, premises, equipment and furnishings used for the pre-kindergarten program shall be safe and suitable for the comfort and care of the children and shall be provided and maintained in a good state of repair and sanitation, as determined by the commissioner.

(b) Suitable precautions shall be taken to eliminate all conditions which may contribute to or create a fire.

(c) Fire drills shall be held in accordance with the provisions of section 807 of the Education Law. A record of these drills shall be maintained.

D. <u>Health and nutrition</u>

(a) The pre-kindergarten program shall ensure the health and safety of the children participating in the program.

(b) The program shall be equipped with a first aid kit and kept stocked for emergency treatment. First aid supplies must be kept in a clean container and in an area not accessible to children.

(c) A pre-kindergarten program shall have a written plan on file as prescribed by the commissioner which shall describe the medical and health policies and procedures which shall be explained to all staff and parents.

(d) The Health & Nutrition program shall be in accordance with Tri-Valley Central School District policies.

E. <u>Discipline</u>

(a) For the purpose of this section, corporal punishment means any act of physical force upon a child for the purpose of punishing that child.

(b) The program shall establish and inform all parents and staff of a written pupil discipline policy. Such policy shall include the following:

(c) Any discipline used must relate to the child's misbehavior and be handled without prolonged delay on the part of the staff;

(d) Room isolation, corporal punishment, and denial of food are prohibited

APPENDIX C

Indemnity and Insurance Requirements

The Provider agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the District, its officers, employees, and agents, harmless, at all times during and after the term of this Agreement, from and against all claims, damage, losses, and expenses (including without limitations, reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from, or in any way connected with the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of, or a breach of any term of or condition contained in this Agreement by the Provider, its employees, agents or representatives.

Provider shall be required to produce and maintain, at its own expense, a policy of public liability and property damage insurance in which the District is named as an additional insured.. The minimum limits of coverage of such insurance shall be \$1,000,000 for injury or death, per person or per incident, and \$1,000,000 with respect to property damage.

Provider shall also be required to produce and maintain, at its own expense, Workers Compensation Insurance in accordance with New York State law at all times during the term of this Agreement.

Each policy of insurance required shall be of form and content satisfactory to the District and shall be non-cancelable without ten (10) days prior written notice to the District.

A duplicate original of such insurance policy or a certificate of insurance shall be given to the District as part of this proposal.

APPENDIX D

Proposal Evaluation:

Upon review of the proposals submitted, the Proposer shall be selected based on the following criteria:

- (a) Cost will be a paramount factor in fulfilling enrollment. The District's goal is to extend service to as many students as financially possible, and the Board of Education will therefore be taking a hardline approach to analyzing cost. Consideration will also be given to enrollment in the District's school-based program;
- (b) demonstrates the ability to provide a high quality learning environment, early childhood programming, and other necessary described in this RFP;
- (c) experience of the Proposer, proven track record, references, experiences of persons selected to handle work;
- (d) the Proposer's capacity to effectively, efficiently and immediately provide needed services;
- (e) the ease of utilization and accessibility of the program to parents and/or guardians;
- (f) capacity to provide ongoing staff development;
- (g) staffing patterns and qualifications;
- (h) documentation that all applicable health and safety codes and licensure or registration requirements are met;
- (i) anticipated fiscal share and other resources will be contributed to the universal pre-kindergarten program;
- (j) current program design and experience in providing developmentally-appropriate programs;
- (k) fiscal solvency;
- (1) stability of staff, rate of turnover and ability to fill vacancies in a timely manner;
- (m) articulated mission/philosophy statements;
- (n) record management and documentation procedures followed by the agency;
- (o) administrative structure;
- (p) capacity and experience in serving children with disabilities;
- (q) capacity and experience in serving children and their parents and/or guardians when they are limited English proficient;
- (r) children's progress as demonstrated by assessments;
- (s) demonstrated effectiveness of the eligible agency's program; and student enrollment.
- (t) Quality of the proposer's family and community engagement plan
- (u) Alignment of proposer's educational program and assessments with those of the Distric

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Tri-Valley School Board Meeting

August 11, 2022

Executive Session 6 pm Public Meeting 7 pm

Secondary School Library



Cash awards are available and you may be eligible!

Were you in foster care on your 14th birthday or after? Are you at least 18 years old and under age 23?

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
- Medical expenses
 Loss of employment/reduced hours
 Serious illness of youth or family

Food insecurity

Financial instability

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

Note: Awards made are a one-time cash assistance and no additional awards will be made for individuals who have already received a payment.

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

Please Take Notice: Covid-19 Home Test Kits

are available at

Town of Denning Town Hall 1567 Denning Road Claryville, NY

Mondays through Thursdays 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM until they are gone.

Call (845) 985-2411 for more information. Full Time Residents Only Proof of Denning residency required <u>ONE</u> kit per household (2 tests) Signature required

Ulster County is tracking distribution

HIRING!

Join our team! Part time position available

Housekeeping and Building Maintenance Crew Member

Applicants may forward a letter of application and resume to Jen Thomas, Director, via email at jenthomas@rcls.org. Or by mail to:

Daniel Pierce Library, Attn: Jen Thomas, P.O. Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

FCSD to Hold Employment Fair for Community Residents

Fallsburg, NY: Superintendent Ivan Katz announced today that the Fallsburg Central School District will be holding an employment fair on August 11, 2022. This fair will take place in the Cafeteria at the Junior Senior High School from 9:00 am to 11:00 am that day.

The district currently has over twenty vacant positions across all departments. Included in these open positions are substitute teachers and teacher aides, which do not require specific certifications. There are also various teaching positions and administrative positions as well.

Building and district administrators will be on site to talk to interested candidates about the various roles, any certifications required, and overall job duties.

The decision to hold this event was based on a desire to work with the community to further the mission of the school district. Given the number of talented individuals in the Fallsburg Community, it is critical that the district looked to leverage our local strengths.

Working in public education is a rewarding and fun experience. This job fair will provide an opportunity for all community members to learn about the exciting employment opportunities Fallsburg has to offer.

Individuals interested in learning more can visit the district website employment page

https://www.fallsburgcsd.net/district/employment

SC Chamber of Commerce sponsors performance of "Every Brilliant Thing"-Powerful Theatre, Mental Health Awareness...

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and member organization, NAMI Sullivan County are co-sponsoring a performance of a funny, moving play - "Every Brilliant Thing" by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe - a powerful piece of theatre about Depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. After being told that her Mum can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world; everything worth living for. At seven years old, her list includes ice cream, being allowed to stay up past your bed time and things with stripes. As the little girl grows up, the entries mature along with her and as the list grows, she learns the deep significance it has on her own life. "Every Brilliant Thing" has been performed around the world and this local production is being done as a fundraiser/awareness raiser for the Chamber and NAMI Sullivan County - the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The performance will be held at the Kartrite Hotel and Water Park in the Hudson Ballroom on Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00 pm.

The show shines hilarious and compassionate light in some of the darker corners of the human condition. It's a reminder that hope is never truly lost and a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one character show, audience members are given snippets of the list to help tell the story. There are no bright lights with the audience sitting in the dark - it's an immersive experience with lights up all the way through. The audience shares in something meaningful as a room full of people becom-

ing a community. "Every Brilliant Thing" is directed and performed by Lori Schneider who is both the Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan County, NY and has been involved in local Community Theatre for over three decades as an award-winning director and actress. She combines her passions for mental health advocacy and for theatre in bringing this important work to local audiences. The Times Herald Record says, "everything about this production...is indeed brilliant...funny and poignant, heartbreaking, joy-filled and genuinely wonderful." The River Reporter calls it a "tour-de-fore performance, thought provoking and powerful." The Sullivan County Democrat says, "Schneider's portrayal explodes from the heart." Schneider received a Best Actor award for her performance of this piece at the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) Festival in 2018. She toured in and around the State with the production throughout 2018 and 2019 and looks forward to this, first post-COVID performance.

Seating for "Every Brilliant Thing" is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at https://bit.ly/3OSZC3h with a Suggested Donation of \$20. All proceeds go to benefit the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and NAMI Sullivan County, NY. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16. Come out for an evening of theatre you won't soon forget. For information and/or reservations, phone (845) 791-4200. "Every Brilliant Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Register Now at:

https://business.catskills.com/events/details/every-brilliantthing-12618?calendarMonth=2022-07-01

Message from Office of Fallsburg Town Supervisor Rappaport

To honor those that served, the Town of Fallsburg is enacting the Hometown Heroes Banner Program and will display the names and faces of veterans throughout all of the hamlets of our town

This program was made possible by partnerships with the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development of Sullivan County NY, YIT Foundation, Vet 2 Vet Sullivan County NY, NYSEG, and the Town of Fallsburg.

The mission of the Fallsburg Hometown Heroes Banner Program is to place banners honoring all veterans, either living or deceased, who have served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

The banners will be located on the major travel corridors throughout our town. Community involvement is key to the success of this program, as residents can participate and honor a family member or loved one who served their country by submitting a photo of a veteran, indicating the

branch they served, and their years of service.

There are a limited number of poles locations and banners will be made on a "first come, first serve basis". Preference will be given to veterans that listed Fallsburg as their hometown on official documents.

All banners are provided at no cost to applicants. Applications are due Friday, September 30 2022. Applications can be submitted by either normal business hours with the Town Clerk, mailed to 19 Railroad Plaza South Fallsburg NY 12779, online via the town website, and our social media pages. For more information, please call 845-434-8810 x5

The House of Prayer Open to the Community

At the Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Every Friday Night 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Start on June 3rd)

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





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

Digital Literacy Class for Seniors

MONTICELLO, NY - Are you a senior citizen who wants to learn how to use email? Are you able to use a computer but not recognize which sites might be dangerous? Do you know how to send a photo or a pdf file to your children or doctor's office? And just what the heck is a pdf file anyway?

You can learn all this and more in a four-week Digital Literacy Class for Seniors held by Action Toward Independence (ATI) at their Monticello office beginning July 14, 2022.

Thanks to the Sullivan County Office for the Aging, Chamber of Commerce, Human Rights Commission and BOCES, you'll learn computer basics, plus digital techniques like how to identify icons, learn acronyms and terminology, and set up an automatic signature.

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 845-794-4228 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.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/29/22 Sundown UMC Indoor Yard Sale 9am 12 noon
- 7/3022 Sundown UMC Indoor Yard Sale 9am 12 noon
- 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
- 8/13/22 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon
- 8/16//22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Appeals Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8/18/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 8/181/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly 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

July 25 - July 29, 2022

Monday, July 25

o 5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 839 6352 5579, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656 o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 840 5441 0825, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, July 26

o No Meetings

Wednesday, July 27

o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, at the Rosendale Town Hall, 1915 Lucas Ave, Cottekill, NY 12419

o 5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 858 7601 0993, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, at the Department of Environment, 17 Pearl Street, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Soil and Water Conservation District, at 5 Park Ln, Highland

Thursday, July 28

o 4:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston

Friday, July 29

o No Meetings

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

Classified ads - \$5.00 for the first 20 words/ 20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" × 3")- \$6.00 per week

Business card ad (2" × 3") - \$12.00 per week

(3" × 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" × 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" × 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" ×10" - \$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 advertising for our local churches

> Low Rates High Visibility!

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday, Aug 13, 2022 9 am - 12 noon

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)

	SEPT. 1 - The Lost	City - PG 13
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If no conflicts at t	he Fairgrounds the follow	ing movies will be scheduled for FRIDA

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?

CONTACT NEVERSINK PARKS AND RECREATION AT : CWPARKSANDREC@GMAIL.COM

NEVERSINK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. -DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY-TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM-RONDOUT NEVERSINK STREAM PROGRAM-NYC DEPT. OF ENVIORNMENTAL PROTECTION-& ARM OF THE SEA THEATER

SC Legislators Endorse \$30M Indoor Arena to Be Built at SUNY Sullivan

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators today approved committing \$15 million toward a \$30 million aquatic and recreation facility at SUNY Sullivan. A 25meter-long, 8-lane pool and a 200-meter track oval will be centerpieces of the indoor arena.

"This project is all about Sullivan County's future," said Legislature Chairman Rob Doherty. "It didn't escape me that almost all of the valedictorians of our high schools this year were on sports teams - teams that will be able to use this facility, along with the general public and SUNY Sullivan's students. It's a demonstration of this Legislature's commitment to make a significant impact on this County's health, economy and youth."

"This will be an amazing facility that is very beneficial not only to the college but the community and the County as a whole," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, in whose district the college sits. "We plan to build it large enough to host special events, conferences, shows, sports attractions and other public gatherings. It will also be available to rent, generating revenue year-round."

"The Rappaport administration is pleased that a majority of the Legislature saw the vision in a project like this. We believe this will add a much-needed economic driver to the area," said Town of Fallsburg Deputy Supervisor Dr. Sean Wall-Carty. "The Town of Fallsburg will be working to support and facilitate commerce as a result of this project.

We welcome inquiries from businesspeople by calling 845-434-8810, ext. 5."

"We are so glad that the County Legislature recognizes the central importance of SUNY Sullivan in the health and future of Sullivan County," remarked SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "This project will ensure not only increased enrollment moving forward, but provide a much-needed community hub for years to come. Having our students and community be able to access a state-of-the-art facility like this will transform both the college and the County."

The resolution passed today by the County Legislature requests that New York State, through the SUNY system, contribute the other half of the project's \$30 million cost in the coming years. That application will be made for the 2023 State budget.

District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart voted "no" to the resolution, not because he opposes the project but because he wants to better understand it before giving his assent.

"I love the idea. It's a great project that promises to transform the County," Steingart affirmed. "I just want to be more certain of the details before we proceed further."



Please join the Liberty Rotary Club in a special evening of dancing, fun and food to raise funds for The Special Olympics.

Just \$20 gives you access to this all-inclusive event featuring great music by D.J. Mazz of Prestige Productions, as well as a burger or hot dog and soft drink.

Friday, July 29, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At The Loch Sheldrake Firemen's Park 815 State Route 52 in Loch Sheldrake, NY

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities please contact Joseph Abraham at josephabraham2011@gmail.com



Visit the Online Open Open House

for the Sullivan County Comprehensive Housing Strategy by July 31st!

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Sullivan County Comprehensive House

Learn about the project and share your thoughts about key housing issues.

www.SullivanHousingStudy.org



SC Farmers' Market

Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello

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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.

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Round Trip Motorcoach from Temple Sholom to NYC

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 n

Ten Mile River Scout Museum to host classic car show

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.

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Governor Hochul Signs Legislatie Package to Provide Support and Resources to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

• Legislation (S.7360/A.9821) Requires Curriculum Related to Human Trafficking to Be Included in Alcohol Training Awareness

- Legislation (S.244B/A.887C) Requires Employees of Lodging Facilities to Be Trained to Recognize Human Trafficking Victims
- Legislation (S.8711A/A.9883A) Requires the Thruway Authority to Post Informational Signs and Cards Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Public Restrooms
- Legislation (S.8678/A.9814) Requires Truck Stops to Post Informational Signs and Cards Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Public Restrooms
- Legislation (S.8710/A.9406) Requires Airports to Post Informational Signs and Cards Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Public Restrooms

• Legislation (S.8262/A.9169) Requires Port Authority Airports to Post Informational Signs and Cards Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Public Restrooms

• Legislation (S.8573/A.9410) Requires Port Authority Bus Terminals to Post Informational Signs and Cards Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Public Restrooms

• Legislation (S.3374B/A.7818B) Requires Establishments Serving Alcoholic Beverages to Display Signage Regarding the Offense of Human Trafficking and Assistance Hotline

Governor Kathy Hochul igned eight pieces of legislation to provide support and resources for victims of human trafficking. These new laws will ensure locations such as airports, bus terminals, hotels and truck stops prominently feature information on human trafficking. This will inform employees and visitors of crucial information about the horrible practice of human trafficking, as well as provide discreet ways for victims to learn their rights and available resources.

"We must do everything in our power to end the scourge of human trafficking and protect thousands of individuals who fall victim to this abhorrent practice in New York," Governor Hochul said. "New Yorkers should know the signs of human trafficking and be ready to lend a hand to stand up for victims. I'm proud to sign this legislative package, which includes campaigns that will spread awareness and help make a meaningful difference in thousands of lives."

Human Trafficking Recognition Training

Legislation (S.7360/A.9821) will require all New York State Liquor Authority-certified Alcohol Training Awareness Programs to include a human trafficking training component. This will increase the awareness and understanding of the signs of human trafficking to allow warning signs and victims to be identified in

order to respond when needed.

State Senator James Skoufis said, "Lawmakers shouldn't stand by while New York consistently ranks fourth in the nation for prevalence of human trafficking. Our legislation to empower bartenders to spot and stop this inhumane exploitation will protect countless victims of trafficking. I thank the Governor for signing this bill as well as the other protective measures in the package."

This legislation (S.244B/A.887C) establishes a requirement for every inn, hotel, motel, motor court to include training in the recognition of human trafficking victims for each employee who is likely to meet with guests. This training will be provided to each employee within the first 60 days of employment. The Division of Criminal Justice Services, and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will provide or approve the training curriculum.

Assemblymember Amy Paulin said, "Every day, women and girls are forced by sex traffickers to sell themselves to men with expendable income. I'm proud to have authored legislation to combat the illegal sex trafficking industry which requires the publicity of critical support services for victims in main transportation hubs, as well as training for hotel workers so that they can spot and report trafficking. Sex trafficking is often conducted in plain sight but is not identified, and depends on lodging and transportation to operate. By reaching victims at these intersections where they can be identified and connected to services, we can offer them a lifeline to safety and freedom. I applaud Governor Hochul for signing these bills into law and for her commitment to ending sex trafficking." (Contd. Pg. 33)



Governor Hochul Signs Legislatie Package to Provide Support and Resources to Protect Victims of Human Trafficking

(From Pg. 32) Human Trafficking Services Awareness

Legislation (S.8711A/A.9883A) will require the all Thruway Authority restrooms to post information on services for trafficking victims, as well as the national human trafficking hotline number. This will allow service areas to have greater visibility of the resources available to victims to help them escape their situations. Motor vehicles are used in over 80% of trafficking operations, many of which may stop at the 27 service areas operated by the New York State Thruway.

Legislation (S.8678/A.9814) requires all truck stops to post information on services for trafficking victims, as well as the national human trafficking hotline number, in their restrooms. This will provide victims more awareness of the resources available to help them escape their situations.

Legislation (S.8710/A.9406) requires all commercial service and general aviation airports to post information on services for trafficking victims, as well as the national human trafficking hotline number. Airlines are a common hub for human trafficking both nationally and internationally. By providing the necessary information in a visible place, potential victims of human trafficking will know of the resources available to help them escape their situations.



Legislation (S.8262/A.9169) will require all Port Authority airport restrooms to post information on services for trafficking victims, as well as the national human trafficking hotline number. Airlines are a common hub for human trafficking both nationally and internationally. By providing the necessary information in a visible place, potential victims of human trafficking will know of the resources available to help them escape their situations.

Legislation (S.8573/A.9410) will require all Port Authority bus terminal restrooms to post information on services for trafficking victims, as well as the national human trafficking hotline number. Due to the anonymity and convenience of bus terminals, they are known hubs used to traffic victims. By prominently displaying information on various services for human trafficking victims as well as the national human trafficking hotline number, more victims will be aware of resources that can be utilized to escape their captors.

Legislation (S.3374B/A.7818B) will require establishments selling alcoholic beverages or adult entertainment to display notices of the offenses of human trafficking and to clearly display the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline as well as the Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force Complaint lines for assistance. Many entertainment clubs and bars are sites of human trafficking and forced labor, and raising awareness of these hotlines will increase awareness of the crime and its warning signs, as well as provide awareness of the resources to help those who may have fallen victim to this crime.

Assemblymember Catalina Cruz said, "Human trafficking, or modern day slavery, is a scourge on our society that must be combated on many fronts. My legislation targets public awareness by mandating information on services to help victims is more visible and accessible. More work is needed to end the horrors of modern day slavery and I will continue my efforts to combat it. I would like to thank Governor Hochul for supporting this legislation and Senator Jamaal Bailey for his leadership on this issue."

Attorney General James Ends Harmful Labor Practices at Top Title Insurance Companies AmTrust and First Nationwide to Pay \$1.25 Million for Violating Laws Meant to Protect Workers

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James ended harmful corporate practices at two title insurance companies that have hurt workers and limited their earning potential. For years, AmTrust Title Insurance Company and First Nationwide Title Agency (together AmTrust), entered into illegal no-poach agreements with their competitors to thwart labor competition. As a result of an agreement secured by Attorney General James, AmTrust - a leader in the New York title insurance market - will terminate any existing no-poach agreements, pay the state \$1.25 million, and cooperate with Attorney General James' ongoing investigations in the industry.

"Workers should be free to make their own career choices without illegal corporate limitations," said Attorney General James. "AmTrust's no-poach agreements made this impossible and denied workers access to a fair labor market. As we've shown through repeated action, my office will continue to protect workers and end illegal corporate practices that lead to lower pay and less advancement opportunity for hardworking New Yorkers. Anticompetitive behavior will not go unchecked in New York." AmTrust issues title insurance policies either through First Nationwide or through independent title insurance agencies that it appoints. Direct agents and independent agencies are competitors in the labor market and should compete for employees on the basis of salaries, benefits, and career opportunities. AmTrust's "no-poach" policies prevented that from happening.

A "no-poach" policy is an agreement among two or more companies not to solicit, recruit, or hire each other's employees. In a well-functioning labor market, employers don't need nopoach agreements and, instead, compete by offering higher wages or enhanced benefits to attract the most valuable talent for their needs. No-poach agreements reduce competition for employees and disrupt the normal compensation-setting mechanisms, to the detriment of the affected employees.

Attorney General James' investigation concluded that AmTrust entered into no-poach agreements with other title insurance companies, and that these agreements effectively stifled competition for employees between AmTrust and their competitors, potentially impacting New York workers. The investigation did not identify any procompetitive justifications for these agreements.

The agreement ensures competition in the labor market for workers. As a result of Attorney General James' agreement, AmTrust has agreed to end all existing no-poach agreements and discontinue the practice of entering into no-poach agreements.

Today's agreement builds on Attorney General James' past efforts to protect workers and stop these harmful labor practices. In September 2021, Attorney General James ended the use of "nopoach" agreements by another top national title insurer, Old Republic National Title. In March 2019, Attorney General James and a coalition of attorneys general from around the nation entered into an agreement with four national fast food franchisors - Dunkin', Arby's, Five Guys, and Little Caesars - that ended their use of "no-poach" agreements. Additionally, in July 2019, Attorney General James and a coalition of attorneys general submitted comments to the Federal Trade Commission, urging collaboration between regulators to protect workers from anticompetitive labor practices, including no-poach agreements, that depress wages, restrict job mobility, and limit opportunities for advancement.

Governor Hochul Announces \$387 Million in COVID-19 Relief Being Delivered to Local Governments

American Rescue Plan Act Funding Will Support 1,452
 Local Governments Across New York State

• Including Identical Distribution in 2021, Payments to Local Governments Will Total \$774 Million

• Part of State's Ongoing Preparation Efforts to Address Potential Surges this Fall and Protect Public Health

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$387 million is being delivered to 1,452 local governments across the New York State to help boost their pandemic response infrastructure. The announcement is part of the State's ongoing preparation efforts to tackle any potential pandemic-related surges this fall and winter. This financial backing is made possible by the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, part of the American Rescue Plan Act, which provides relief for smaller local governments who have shared in the public health response.

"We have been able to move safely forward through this pandemic because of our close coordination with partners at every level of local government," Governor Hochul said. "I want to thank Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and our Congressional delegation for their help in securing this critical funding, which will help cities, towns and villages across New York State respond to pandemic-related needs and deliver essential services. As we respond to new variants and plan for any potential surges this fall, this is yet another step we are taking to boost our preparation efforts and we will continue to work with local partners to keep New Yorkers safe."

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, including \$10.7 billion in relief for New York State's local governments.

While larger municipalities received their funding directly from the U.S. Treasury Department, the State is responsible for distributing allocations on a per-capita basis to non-entitled units of government (NEUs) - cities, towns and villages that did not receive a direct payment.

In July and August 2021, \$387.1 million was distributed to over 1,450 local governments. Municipalities have received or can expect an identical amount in a second payment, which will conclude the State's responsibility for distribution.

Senator Chuck Schumer said, "After fighting this pandemic on the frontlines, New York's counties, towns and villages were loud and clear: they needed help and robust federal funding to strengthen public health, keep frontline workers on the job, prevent brutal service cuts, and make long overdue investments in infrastructure to jumpstart their recovery. As Majority Leader, I was proud to make state and local funding my top priority in the American Rescue Plan, and now over \$380 million more of much deserved relief will continue to flow to New York's local governments to create and save good paying jobs, fix our water infrastructure, boost broadband, breathe new life into our Main Streets, and help our communities build back stronger than before." (Contd. Pg. 35)

Governor Hochul Announces \$387 Million in COVID-19 Relief Being Delivered to Local Governments

(From Pg. 34) Representative Jerrold Nadler said, "As we continue to work through this ongoing pandemic, it is more important than ever that we continue to provide relief to local government adequately. This much needed funding was made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act and I am proud to have played a part in passing that bill. The \$387 million that will be dispersed to governments across New York will go a long way toward improving public health and much more. Governor Hochul continues to be a tremendous partner and I look forward to continuing to work with her on behalf of all New Yorkers."

Representative Carolyn Maloney said, "COVID-19 devastated New York families and communities," said Rep. Maloney. "As Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, I was responsible for crafting the portion of the American Rescue Plan Act that ensured Cities, States, Tribes, and Territories each got their fair share of the funding including tens of billions for New York State and City to help us build back better. I applaud Governor Hochul for getting these funds to the local governments who need them most and support an equitable recovery for our hardest-hit communities."

Representative Brian Higgins said, "We fought to include local funding in the American Rescue Plan to ensure relief reaches our neighborhoods where people need it most. This latest payment will deliver over \$24.4 million in federal resources to smaller cities, towns and villages in Erie and Niagara Counties."

Representative Paul Tonko said, "When COVID-19 struck, Congress took swift action to provide direct assistance to Americans and their communities through the American Rescue Plan Act," Congressman Paul Tonko said. "I was proud to support this legislation that provided an essential lifeline for individuals, families, and small businesses, and I'm thrilled to now see it paying dividends right here in the Capital Region. My thanks to all those whose partnership is making certain that our communities get the relief and support they need."

Representative Gregory W. Meeks said, "I'm proud to have voted for the historic American Rescue Plan Act which provided relief to local governments across the country. New York City, once the epicenter to COVID-19, continues to rebuild from the economic impacts of the pandemic. I applaud Governor Hochul for distributing this much needed relief to localities across the state."

Representative Sean Patrick Maloney said, "While we have come a long way since the early days of 2020, many of our communities and local governments are still on the road to recovery and will benefit tremendously from this second installment of federal support. I am proud to have helped bring these critical funds home that will be used to expand access to behavioral health care, invest in clean water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, and support small businesses that lost revenue during the public health emergency."

Representative Kathleen Rice said, "I was proud to vote in favor of the American Rescue Plan Act. This second installment of relief funds will help our local villages, towns, and cities take another step towards financial recovery. This money will allow our local governments to provide premium pay to essential workers, fill revenue gaps caused by the pandemic, strengthen pandemic mitigation plans, and bolster public infrastructure by investing in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects."

Representative Ritchie Torres said, "The funds from the American Rescue Plan will directly benefit the lives of New Yorkers all over the state. The American Rescue Plan gives states the opportunity to support essential workers with the pay they deserve while also investing in public health, small businesses, and infrastructure. This comes at a critical time, as local municipalities budgets have been depleted following the pandemic. Thank you to Governor Hochul for ensuring the distribution of these funds to local municipalities across the state is a priority."

The Federal guidelines allow New York's cities, towns, and villages receiving ARPA funds to use this aid for purposes including but not limited to:

o Support public health expenditures. For example, funds may be used for COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;

o Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; This includes economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;

o Replace lost revenue. Funds may be used to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;

o Provide premium pay for essential workers. Additional support may be offered to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors; and

o Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Funds may be used to make necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The amount being sent to each non-entitlement local government, as well as their total allocation which includes the Summer 2021 payment, is available on the Division of the Budget website.

NYS Crafting "Fall Action Plan" For Back-To-School and Seasonal Pandemic Surges RFP Released for Independent After-Action Review of State Response to The COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Kathy Hochul announced new COVID-19 preparedness initiatives to protect public health and support New York State's ongoing response to the pandemic. Governor Hochul announced the State is working closely with public health experts to craft a Fall Action Plan to address the potential for seasonal COVID-19 surges later this year, as well as strategies to allow students to return safely to school this fall. Governor Hochul also announced a Request for Proposals has been released for an independent After-Action Review to assess the State's COVID-19 response, identify what worked and what did not, and serve as a guide for all local governments planning emergency response efforts.

"Since day one, my top priority has been to keep New Yorkers safe, especially as we prioritize safely navigating forward through this pandemic," Governor Hochul said. "My team is working around the clock to bolster our preparedness against future pandemic surges and other related public health emergencies both in the short-term and the long-term. We've made real progress in our fight against COVID-19, and we remain vigilant in making sure that New York State emerges stronger than ever before." (Contd. pt. 36)

NYS Crafting "Fall Action Plan" For Back-To-School and Seasonal Pandemic Surges (From PG. 35)

"As the pandemic progresses and continues to change, we must remain vigilant and be prepared for new strains as they emerge," said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. "With students returning to school classrooms in the fall, we need to have a plan in place to address future variants."

Background on Fall Action Planning

The State is actively preparing a Fall Action Plan to address potential pandemic surges later this year. Planning is being conducted in consultation with health policy experts and will also be informed by the voices of New Yorkers through a public opinion survey conducted by the State in mid-June that surveyed residents on issues related to the pandemic.

Fall planning will focus on addressing the below, but not limited to:

o A Return to School strategy, including distributing 3 million tests to schools before the beginning of the school year. o Getting more New Yorkers vaccinated & boosted, including the ability to stand up mass vaccination sites again if the need arises.

o Encouraging New Yorkers to test early, test often.

o Promoting more access to treatment and therapeutics, including a recently launched statewide hotline for New Yorkers who may not have immediate access to healthcare professionals, as well as an ongoing commitment to support New Yorkers struggling with the effects of Long COVID

o Readying stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE), including 20 million tests ready to deploy where need-ed.

o Strengthening our hospital systems, including preparations to ramp up the State's Surge Operations Center in the event they are needed

o Coordinating with federal and local partners.

Background on Pandemic After-Action Review

Governor Hochul also announced a request for proposals to develop a pandemic After-Action Review, as part of New York State's ongoing pandemic preparedness efforts. The purpose of the After-Action Review is to review the State's COVID-19 response, identify what worked and what did not, and examine how the State could have improved its response. The Review will also serve as a guide for New York State and for other governments to use in order to respond quickly and effectively to significant emergencies, whether they are pandemics, natural disasters or other emergency conditions that create major disruptions to normal life.

The Review will accomplish the following objectives:

o Review the State's COVID-19 response.

o Identify strengths, best practices, as well areas where policies were deficient in meeting the public's needs and identify key lessons to improve public health preparedness and response.

o Report the key findings in a structured and timely manner and provide clarification as needed.

o Provide key recommendations and prioritize or categorize those recommendations.

o Prepare a planning guide for the State for use in a future emergency, including identification of the first steps the State should take when an emergency overwhelms existing plans on the level of Covid-19 occurs and recommendations on how to approach and guide executive decision making.

o Recommendations should be specific, feasible, time bound, measurable, and adequately translated into an action plan(s).

The Review will focus on the following major areas of the State's COVID response, including but not limited to:

o Review policies and guidance on the management of hospitals and in-patient facilities in light of the pandemic's demands, including which medical procedures could and should continue.

o Review policies and guidance for the transfer of individuals, particularly the most vulnerable individuals, into congregate settings, including homeless shelters, group homes, nursing homes, jails and prisons, and which entities are most qualified to make those decisions and the efficacy of infection controls within those entities.

o Review policies and guidance for the shutdown and reopening of educational institutions, and how early childhood, school age, special education and post-secondary educational programs were handled during COVID-19 and how they should be handled in a future emergency.

o Factors for determining which businesses, industries, and functions should be considered essential and for what purposes.

o The securing and procurement of essential goods and services to meet New Yorkers' needs.

o The protection needed for essential workers in the workplace, and programs and services needed by these workers, who are often from low-income communities of color.

o Coordination among and between the State and its federal and local counterparts, including relationships with mayors, county leaders and other elected officials.

o Effective education and communication with the public, including the sharing of data and other information.

o Staffing and expertise needed to plan and implement emergency procedures and specific functions that must be fulfilled.

Under the one-year contract term, the consultant is requested to plan and provide initial finding on priority areas within six months of the contract start date. More detailed analysis and additional areas will be incorporated over following six months culminating in a final After-Action Report within one year.

The aim of the Review is to better inform New York State's pandemic response and is not intended to conflict with other outside ongoing reviews. The Governor has appointed Jackie Bray, Commissioner for the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, to oversee the After-Action Review process.

A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is available here:

https://www.budget.ny.gov/contract/aarrs/aarrs-index.html

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Gillibrand, Schumer, Cardin Introduce Bill to Award Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Ferencz, the Last Living Nuremberg Prosecutor Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) introduced a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Ferencz, the last living Nuremberg prosecutor, in recognition of his work prosecuting Nazi war criminals, most notably the Einsatzgruppen, and his service in World War II. The bill passed the House in May and was introduced by Representatives Lois Frankel (D-FL), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Jim McGovern (D-MA), and Chris Smith (R-NJ).

"I am honored to introduce this bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Benjamin Ferencz, a champion for human rights and the last living Nuremberg prosecutor," said Senator Gillibrand. "As chief U.S. prosecutor during the Nuremberg trials, Mr. Ferencz held Nazi war criminals accountable for their crimes against humanity, and subsequently spent his life fighting for human rights, justice and peace. Mr. Ferencz's life demonstrates what it means to dedicate oneself to compassion, empathy and righteousness. Few people have been more deserving of this honor and I am hopeful that the Senate can swiftly pass this important bill."

"I am proud to support and introduce this legislation to award Benjamin Ferencz, the last living Nuremberg prosecutor, with one of the greatest honors an American can receive, the Congressional Gold Medal," said Senator Schumer. "Mr. Ferencz, a Jewish immigrant who went on to serve our country in the Army, and honorably serve as a chief prosecutor for the U.S. in the Nuremberg trials, bravely held notorious Nazi war criminals to account. I urge my Senate colleagues to pass this bill expeditiously to recognize Mr. Ferencz for his fervor for justice and lifelong devotion to human rights and peace."

"Ben Ferencz embodies the fight for justice. His remarkable contributions to the Nurenberg tribunal's prosecution of some of the 20th century's most notorious war criminals have rightly been recognized by numerous organizations, including the U.S. Holocaust Museum and Memorial, which continues its important work to give real meaning to the words 'never again," said Senator Cardin. "Throughout his long life of accomplishments, Mr. Ferencz continued to be an outspoken advocate for the rights of the oppressed. I'm proud to join my colleagues in sponsoring the Congressional Gold Medal for Ben Ferencz. It is a fitting tribute to a life of purpose and service to humanity."

Ben Ferencz immigrated to the United States from Hungary when he was ten months old and his family settled in New York City. Ferencz grew up in New York City and attended The City College of New York and Harvard Law School.

A fter graduating from Harvard Law School, Ferencz joined an anti-aircraft artillery battalion preparing for the invasion of France. Ferencz was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1945 with the rank of Sergeant of Infantry. Soon after being discharged, he was recruited to work on the Nuremberg trials.

Ferencz, along with roughly 50 other researchers, examined Nazi offices and archives in Berlin, finding staggering evidence of genocide by the Nazis. Ferencz, in his first-ever case and aged 27, served as Chief Prosecutor for the United States in the Einsatzgruppen Case, in which commanders of SS mobile death squads faced charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Twenty-two defendants were charged, prosecuted, and convicted of murdering over a million people. Fourteen were sentenced to death.

The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. The first Congressional Gold Medal was given to George Washington in 1776 and has been awarded just 184 times to our nation's heroes, activists, scientists, and other important figures in our society.

In the Midst of Recordbreaking Flight Cancellations and Chaol at Airports, Senator Gillibrand Calls for an Investigation into Potential Unfair or Deceptimve Airline Business Practices More Flights Were Canceled In June 2022 than Any Other Previous June In the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the midst of record-breaking flight cancellations and chaos at airports, Senator Gillibrand held a press conference to highlight a letter she is leading with Senators Blumenthal (D-CT) and Padilla (D-CA) to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) urging the agencies to investigate whether airlines are engaging in unfair or deceptive business practices. During the pandemic, Congress authorized \$54 billion in taxpayer-funded relief to help retain pilots and critical staff to keep airlines afloat and ready for the return to travel. Now, they are failing to fulfill flights promised to customers, and in some cases, allegedly scheduling flights that they know cannot be staffed. (Contd. Pg. 45)

UC NOW TRENDING August 2022

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

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

AUGUST 2022

1-7 Voice Theatre-Summer Youth Theatre Workshops: The fiveday workshop + Saturday rehearsal ends with the Open House Family & Friends Presentation on Sunday August 7th, 2022. Tuition: \$310. Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston. 917-494-6273 or 845-679-0154; voicetheatre.org

1-31 Hudson River Maritime Museum: Wed.-Sun.: Solaris boat ours including lighthouse, Wrecked and Abandoned, sunset and bird watching. Sailing and woodworking classes. Visit website for schedule. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

1-31 D&H Canal Museum: Now open; seven days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7: Solaris boat tour featuring D&H Canal History. 12:30-2 p.m. \$280\$32. 1315 Main St., High Falls. 845-687-2000; canalmuseum.org. D&H Market at Grady Park, Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

1-31 Hudson River Cruises: Featuring "Sunset & Spirits," "Live Music" cruises and more. 40 Rondout Landing., Kingston. 845-253-4876 hudsonrivercruises.com

1-31 Mohonk Preserve: 70 miles of carriage roads and trails. Hike or bike. Climb the Gunks. Horseback ride from the Spring Farm Trailhead. Fees: \$15, \$20. Activities schedule at Visitor Center, 3197 State Rte. 44/55, Gardiner. mohonkpreserve.org

2-7 134th Ulster County Fair: A family event promoting local agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and good old-fashioned fun. Admission includes all entertainment, shows, parking and exhibits. Visit website for admission fee and schedule. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz. 845-255-1380 or 845-255-1707; ulstercountyfair.com 3-6, 10-13,

17-20, 24-27, 31 Volunteer Firemen's Museum: A "little gem of a museum" housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House. Display of fire engines and firemanic artifacts. Hours through Labor Day:

Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfire-mensmuseum.weebly.com

3-7 HITS V: Inaugural Summer Show Series-NY Horse & Pony Show Equestrian Exhibition: In cooperation with Special Olympics. HITS Horse Shows Week 6 - Aug 7: \$100,000 HITS Grand Prix, 2-4 p.m. HITS-on-the-Hudson Horse Show, 454 Washington Avenue Ext., Saugerties. 845-246-5515; hitsshows.com

4 Bike-Friendly Kingston: First Thursday summer "Slow Rides," which are guided group rides for all abilities done at a slow pace throughout Kingston neighborhoods. 6-7:30 p.m. Free. YMCA of Kingston and Ulster's parking lot. 507 Broadway, Kingston. eflynn@kingston-ny.gov; Facebook: Bike-Friendly Kingston

4, 11 Vision of Wallkill's Rhythm on the River Summer Concert Series: Under the pavilion, gather with your friends and families to rock the night. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, or make a picnic basket. Free and open to the public. 7-8:30 p.m. Vito Petroccitto & Little Rock, Aug 4; Soul Purpose, Aug 11. Popp Memorial Park, 3081 NY-208, Wallkill. 845-527-6230; Facebook: Vision of Wallkill

5 Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Hike to the Shingle Gully Ice Caves. Explore the caves where ice persists into summer. Strenuous. Experienced hikers only, ages 14 and older. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 20 Berme Road, Ellenville. 845- 647-7989; parks.ny.gov/events/event For additional events at Minnewaska visit: parks.ny.gov/parks/minnewaska

5 Saugerties First Friday: 5–10 p.m. Partition, Market and Main streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/destinationsaugerties 5, 6 Sloop Clearwater Public Sail Adventure From Kingston: Purchase tickets online; \$60-\$75. 5-8 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 Fred J. Johnston House: 2022 Exhibition: "Signs of the Times, The Modjeska Sign Studio, Kingston, New York" Donations welcome. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 63 Main Street, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

5-7 13th Annual Phoenicia Festival of the Voice: A familyfriendly outdoor opera and music festival. Rain or shine. Don Giovanni, 8:30 p.m., Aug. 5; La Traviata, 8 p.m., Aug. 6; Hollywood in the Hills-Opera in Movies, 8:30 p.m., Aug. 7. Tickets: \$5-\$95. Weekend pass: \$250. Venue: Saint Ursula Dr., Phoenicia. 845-688-3291; phoeniciavoicefest.org

5-7 Esopus Creek Puppet Suite - Arm-of-the-Sea Theater: Outdoor performance. Features live music, larger-than-life mask and puppet characters. This year: a historical drama inspired by the 1869 Saugerties Lighthouse and the Women's Suffrage Movement. Admission: \$5 for kids; \$10 for adults. 7-8:30 p.m. The Tidewater Center, 61 East Bridge Street, Saugerties. 845-380-6559; armofthesea.org

5, 12, 20 Music in the Parks & Movies Under the Stars in Kingston: All events are free and open to the public. Friday, August 5, Dietz Stadium, 8:30 p.m. "Cool Runnings" movie; Friday, August 12, Hutton Park, 7 p.m., Latin music concert featuring Alessandra with Laura González and 8:30 p.m. "Encanto" movie; Saturday, August 20, TR Gallo Park, 7- 8:30 p.m. Latin/funk concert featuring Ruperto Ifil's New York Funk Alliance with Christine Spero, piano. 845-481-7330; kingstonny.gov/musicintheparks

5 & 26; 7, 13 Historic Huguenot Street: Aug. 5 & 26: "Boos & Brews," haunted site tours 7-8:30 p.m. \$20; \$17 for members; Aug. 7: "Summer Native Lifeways Walk, 1:30-3 p.m.," \$20; \$18 for members; Aug. 13: "The Gathering," a celebration of the site's unique and diverse history. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$45. 81 Huguenot St, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org (Contd. Pg. 40)

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6 Matthewis Persen House Museum - "The Story of Historic Kingston" Book Preview: Local historian and filmmaker Stephen Blauweiss, with co-author Karen Berelowitz, will share a full-color draft of their new book. Select interpretive displays shown with rare photographs. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. 74 John Street, Kingston. 845-340-3415; clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house

6 First Saturday Arts in Kingston: Events throughout the year include live music, open studio tours, theatrical performances, historical reenactments, arts and culture activities. Various Kingston locations. Info: 845-338-0331; artsalongthehudson.com/kingston.

6 The Rave Train: Round-trip Scenic Train Ride Experience with world class DJs. Train leaves the station promptly. 5:30-9 p.m. Free parking. Purchase tickets online: \$30-\$40. No refunds. 55 Kingston Plaza, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com **6** Sustainable Fashion Day at the Reher Center: Inspired by the "Sewing in Kingston" exhibition. Guided tours; mending workshops. Bring items for clothing donation drive and closet swap. 1-5 p.m. Free. 99-101 Broadway, Kingston. 845-481-3738; rehercenter.org

6 Car and Food Truck Fest at Belleayre Mountain: Featuring fantastic foods, a car show and scenic gondola rides. Enjoy food trucks up on the mountain serving up some mouth-watering food. While you eat your way around, check out some of the classic cars that will be on hand along with craft vendors. Rain or shine. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com

6 CHŔISTIAN SANDS | Maverick Family Concerts: This multi-Grammy nominated young jazz lion brings the stride, swing, bebop and maybe even a little hip hop. These interactive concerts are designed for enjoyment by children in grades K-6. Admission is free for all under age16. Adults pay \$5 each at the door. 11 a.m.-noon. 120 Maverick Road, Woodstock. 845-241-7721; maverickconcerts.org

6 Twilight Limited: Enjoy a train ride and take in the beautiful moonlit sky before returning to Kingston. One. Hour. 7:30 p.m. \$14-20. Purchase tickets online. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Kingston Plaza Rd., Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

6 Second Annual D.R.A.W.-A-Thon: All day. For all ages, abilities, skill levels and interests. No pre-registration needed. All materials provided. The first 50 people receive an emergency drawing kit. Family friendly. The event is 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and will shift to an adult-focused event from 7-10 p.m. Free. The D.R.A.W., 20 Cedar St, Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawkingston.org

6 Annual Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival - Andreas Arnold & Mario Rincon: Intimate evening of flamenco guitar, song and dance under the stars. 6-8 p.m. \$15-\$30; purchase tickets online. Unison Arts, 68 Mountain Rest Rd, New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org

6 First Summer Wellness Festival: Presented by the Vanaver Caravan's Youth Company in collaboration with Stone Mountain Farm. Family-friendly. In support of teen well-being. Experience a myriad dance style such as world, percussive, ballet, modern and more. Outdoors. 1-7 p.m. Tickets by donation. Stone Mountain Farm, 310 River Rd, New Paltz. 845-256-9300; vanavercaravan.org

6 1658 Stockade National Historic District Walking Tour: Guided walking tour. \$10 adult, \$5 children, free to FOHK members. 11 a.m. Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery, corner of Wall and Main streets, Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org

6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 Hurley Heritage Society: Open Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 (staff permitting). Free admission. Aug. 28: Walking tour. 52 Min St., Hurley. 845-338-1661; hur-

leyheritagesociety.org

6, **7**, **13**, **14**, **20**, **21**, **27**, **28** Reher Center Bakery Tours: 11:30 a.m. \$10-\$15. 101 Broadway (on the corner of Spring Street), Kingston. 845-481-3738; rehercenter.org

6, 7, 13. 14. 20, 21, 27, 28 The DORŠKY at SUNY New Paltz: Open weekends only in August. Current exhibitions: "Hudson Valley Artists 2022: The Material, The Thing, " through Nov. 6. \$5 suggested donation. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

6, 20, 28 Belleayre Mountain: Aug. 6 - Car, Truck and Food Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug 20 - Evening Garden Party, 5-8 p.m. Live music. Adults \$70; Children 10 and under \$45. (rain date Aug 27); Aug 28 – Bands in the Sand,

3-5 p.m. Enjoy the water, the sand and the music. Cost: entry to the beach is \$15 per car. Rain date: Sept. 3. 181 Galli Curci Rd., Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com

6-30 Sunflower Extravaganza at Kelder's Farm: 6-acre majestic sunflower field with thousands of sunflowers in bloom. See the World's Largest Garden Gnome. Take in views of Mohonk and the picturesque valley of the Rondout. Family-friendly. Closed Wednesdays. Purchase tickets online. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 5755 U.S. Rte. 209, Kerhonkson. 845-626-7137; keldersfarm.com

7 Maverick Concerts presents HORSZOWSKI TRIO - Chamber Music: A vital force in the international chamber music world. They have toured extensively throughout North America and beyond, traversing the extensive oeuvre of traditional piano trio repertoire and introducing audiences to new music. 120 Maverick Road, Woodstock. 845-241-7721; maverickconcerts.org

7 Hollywood in the Hills: Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice in collaboration with The Woodstock Film Festival. This humor-filled joyous family-friendly concert features Opera music from some of your favorite movies such as "Philadelphia," "Fatal Attraction" and much more. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets \$5-\$95. Saint Ursula Dr., Phoenicia. 845-688-3291; phoeniciavoicefest.org

8-12 Bluegrass Camp-Ashokan Center: Meals included; lodging available. Enjoy a week of bluegrass instruction and jamming for guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, bass, vocals and songwriting. 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-246-2121; ashokancenter.org

12 Food Truck Nights at Freer Park: Food trucks, live music and games. 4-8 p.m. George Freer Memorial Park, 104 Canal St., Port Ewen. 845-331-3709; Facebook: Food Truck Nights at Freer Park 12 Sunset Sessions: Joelle & River | Megg Farrell; Bring a blanket, kick back, watch the sunset, play lawn games and enjoy delicious food from Stone Ridge Orchard Food truck, Lemon Love, Ice cream from Caboose on the loose, and local brew, wines & cider. 5 p.m. Twin Star Orchards, 155 North Ohioville Rd., New Paltz. 845-633-8657; twinstarorchards.com

12, 26 Walkway at Night: Enjoy amazing Hudson Valley views after dark from 212 feet above the Hudson River. This event takes place from 8:15-9:45 p.m. Members free; nonmembers \$5. Walkway Over the Hudson, 87 Haviland Road Highland. 845-454-9649; walkway.org

13 Second Saturdays in the Stockade: Participating businesses will remain open until 8 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month through the end of the year. Shop before dining out and enjoy promotional items, discounts, complimentary beverages and more. Sponsored in partnership with KUBA and Pinkwater Gallery. Stockade District, Kingston. uptownkuba@gmail.com; kuba.network

13 22nd Blueberry Festival: Free admission; free parking. More than 150 vendors/exhibitors of homemade crafts. Blueberry specialties and food from local eateries. Blueberry muffin baking contest. Rain or shine. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 1 Liberty Square, Ellenville. ewcoc.com

13 O+ Benefit - Amanda Palmer in Concert: Features an Art Auction including the work of beloved O+ Alum and tasty treats from O+ sponsors like Del's Dairy, Keegan Ales and more. Enjoy food, drinks, merch, original art and music — all culminating in this special performance. 6-11 p.m. \$35 and \$65; purchase tickets online. The Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St, Kingston. opositivefestival.org

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13 Third Annual Caribbean Carnival: Family-friendly. Authentic Caribbean food, music and cultural events for a day of Carnival fun. \$1000 grand prize for best dressed. Noon-7 p.m. Free. Cantine Field, 6 Small World Ave, Saugerties. Facebook: Caribbean Carnival

13-14 20th Saugerties Artis

ts Studio Tour: 40 open studios featuring mixed media to ceramics, photography, sculpture, furniture, weaving and paintings – from abstracts to oil landscapes. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 15: Artists' exhibit and opening reception, 5-7 p.m. at the Dutch Barn 119 Main St., Saugerties. 845-246-7493; saugertiesart-tour.org

13; 14-20 Southern Week-Ashokan Center: Opening night BBQ & Dance, Aug. 13. Jay Ungar & Molly Mason host a fun and friendly full-week of Southern traditional music from the Bayou to the Blue Ridge Mountains and beyond. Enjoy a weekend of music and friendship. Meals included, camping and bunks available. Aug. 14-20. 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-246-2121; ashokancenter.org

14 ATCA Annual Antique Truck & Car Show: For antique trucks, tractors and cars 25 years and older. Registration: \$10 per vehicle. Spectators: \$2.00 per person; under 12 free. Food and refreshments. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Rd., New Paltz. 845-206-5091; antiquetruckclub.org 14 27th Kingston Artist Soapbox Derby: Build your own artist soapbox creation, or just bring the family for a day of fun. Free. 1 p.m. 97 Broadway, Kingston. kingstonartistsoapboxderby.com

14, 19, 21 Midsummer Revival: From TechCity to iPark87: Introducing exciting programming at the new iPark87 in cooperation with the Ulster County Dept. of Economic Development Alliance. Aug. 14: Mini Music/food crafts festival. Aug. 19: Movie Night-"Mamma Mia," 8:45 p.m. Aug. 21: Bridge Art and Education/Jazz Concert. Free. 101 Enterprise Drive, Kingston. Facebook: LVanHart

18 Rave Tesar Trio at Unison Arts Center - HV Jazz Festival: Rave Tesar brings a wonderful trio with Jeff Ciampa and Frank Pagano. 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$10-\$25. 68 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz. 845-255-1559; unisonarts.org

18 - 21 Annual Mazzstock Music Festival: Featuring music, yoga, camping, live artist displays, food, drink and craft vendors and more. Mazzstock Field, 35 Hampton Road, Marlboro. Mazzstock.com

18-21 13th Hudson Valley Jazz Fest: Held in multiple locations: clubs, cafes, restaurants, non-profit organizations, performing arts centers and parks throughout Ulster County and the Hudson Valley. Primarily features groups led by Hudson Valley resident jazz artists. Visit website for venues, schedule and ticket prices. Some of the performances are free. 917-903-4380; hudsonvalleyjazzfest.org

19 The Wallflowers at Bearsville Theater: American rock and roots rock band formed by Jakob Dylan and Tobi Miller in 1989. Main Stage. General Admission \$65. Doors 7 p.m.; show 8 p.m. 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com

20 18th Annual Antique Fire Engine Muster: More than 20 antique, vintage and new fire trucks will be on display with the museum's two antique fire trucks, an 1845 hand pumper and two parade carriages. First floor is handicap accessible. 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Free. Kingston Volunteer Firemen's Museum, 265 Fair Street, Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

20 First Annual Fermentation Festival: Enjoy the myriads of rich, fermented flavors and reap the gut benefits as you taste and shop the market of local makers, from cider and beer to cured meats and cheeses to kimchi and pickles. \$25-\$45. 1-5:30 p.m. Twin Star Orchards, 155 North Ohioville Rd., New Paltz. 845-633-8657; twinstarorchards.com

20-21 First Annual Summer of Love Festival – Live at The Falcon: Presented by Sweat! No cover. Donations encouraged. Music and performance fundraiser benefiting LGBTQIA+ performers and the Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center. Noon-12 a.m. Reservations recommended. 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com

20, 27 Matthewis Person House: Aug. 20: Theatre on the Road Presents Historical Figures of the Persen House. 10 a,m,-4 p.m. Aug. 27: With Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Reenactor, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John St., Kingston. 845-340-3040; ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/persenhouse.html

21 A Taste of Broadway: Enjoy a John Denver musical and lunch. Lunch: 11:45 a.m.; show: 2 p.m. \$99. Gaby's Cafe, 141 Canal Street. Shadowland Mainstage,1 57 Canal Street, both in Ellenville. 845-210-7120; Facebook: A Taste of Broadway

26-28 Tenth Annual Summer Hoot: Great roots music, join a jam or singalong, go for a guided hike and sample great local food, beer, and cider. Sliding scale admission, all are welcome. Purchase tickets online. Kids under 18 free. Fri. 3 p.m.; Sat./Sun. 9 a.m. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. Ruth Unger 914-466-8334; ashokancenter.org

27 Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour: Some uphill walking. Adults \$10, children \$5, FOHK members free. 11 a.m. Departs from gazebo in T.R. Gallo Park, 73 West Strand St., Kingston. 845-339-0720; fohk.org 27-Oct. 30 Apple and Pumpkin Picking at Hurds Family Farm: Pumpkins start late September. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Hurds Family Farm, 2187 Route 32, Modena. 845-883-7825; hurdsfamilyfarm.com

28 Summer Jam at Obstacle Wonderland: Run your favorite Hudson Valley obstacle course with some added obstacles as you waterslide yourself through the finish line. Race medal guaranteed to the first 70 signups. Post-race snacks and beverages are included in the registration fee. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Register online. 314 New Unionville Rd., Wallkill. 845-629-7922; obstaclewonderland.com

28 Harambee Second African-American Festival & Parade: Family-friendly. Music, food and more. Parade leaves at 11 a.m. from Kingston High School, down Broadway to the Rondout. Noon-7 p.m. Free.1 East Strand, Kingston. harambeekingstonny.org

20 18th Annual Woodstock Volunteers Day: "A Day of Gratitude." Music, food, fun for kids: 3-6 p.m. Music: 7 p.m. Fireworks: 9 p.m. Mescal Hornbeck Community Center and on Andy Lee Recreation Field, 56 Rock City Road, Woodstock; volunteersday.org

31 Kiersted House: Community Band on the Lawn, 3-5 p.m. Saugerties Historical Society: 119 Main St., 845-246-9529; saugertieshistoricalsociety.org. Hours: Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. ULSTER COUNTY TOURISM, Ulster County Office Building, 244

Veteran Support Group

Vet 2 Vet is offering Veteran Peer Support Groups. Every Thursday from 6pm to 7pm

We didn't fight alone while we served, we don't need to fight alone at home.



Call or email us to get involved. 845-794-4228 vet2vet@atitoday.org 309 E Broadway Suite A Monticello, NY 12701

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

at the Daniel Pierce Library

DMV approved class and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. Students must hold a NYS "photo" permit to attend.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH ZOZZ 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Looking to get your license? This 5 hour DMV approved course will provide you with a certificate good for I year. Brought to you by 3 & 3 Driving School, instructed and owned by Jerome and La June Black with over 25 years experience. Class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date. Please stop in to the library today. Space is limited.

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

TV Bears PTO, Tri-Valley Little League and Community have joined together along with Town support to place a play structure at the Town park. Fund raisers are ongoing.

DONATIONS Can be made out to: TV Bears PTO PO Box 43 Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

In the Midst of Recordbreaking Flight Cancellations and Chaol at Airports, Senator Gillibrand Calls for an Investigation into Potential Unfair or Deceptimve Airline Business Practices

(From Pg. 38) "Across the country, Americans are feeling the impact of severe airline delays, canceled flights, and lost luggage. As travel has ramped up during the summer months, our airports have become especially chaotic and ineffective, and yet, airlines are still reporting massive revenues," said Senator Gillibrand. "In other words, Americans are suffering the consequences and paying more out of pocket for inferior service. It is evident that airlines have prioritized higher profit margins over quality customer service, which is why I'm calling on the Department of Transportation and the Federal Trade Commission to investigate major airlines that may be engaging in unfair and deceptive business practices."

"Americans are facing the frustrations of extreme airline delays, flight cancellations, and lost luggage, but airlines are still reporting record profits despite substandard service and a strained workforce," said Senator Padilla. "For the price Americans are paying for air travel and the amount of taxpayer funding that has helped keep the industry afloat, the quality of service is dismal. The Department of Transportation and the Federal Trade Commission should look into major airlines and ensure they're not engaging in unfair business practices."

"As airline travel chaos continues, federal agencies must investigate airline industry practices and protect consumers," said Senator Blumenthal. "Travelers face frustrating flight delays, last minute cancellations, and lost luggage, while airlines deflect blame. This federal scrutiny is critical to help restore order to the skies."

As part of the investigation, the lawmakers are asking the DOT and FTC to focus on three areas:

 Whether airlines are knowingly engaging in unfair or deceptive business practices by offering flights that they know are logistically impossible to execute.
 Whether airlines are properly informing consumers of the ability to be compensated for significantly delayed or canceled flights.

3. Whether airlines are properly compensating consumers for significantly delayed or canceled flights. For the full letter, please click here:

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Gi llibrand%20Letter%20to%20FTC,%20DOT%20re% 20Airline%20Delays%20FINAL%20FINAL.pdf

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



SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY - TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990

More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

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

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



For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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Introduced Legislation to Safeguard our Elections

As co-chair of the Election Integrity Caucus in Congress, I am committed to driving commonsense solutions to promote free and fair elections across America. To this end, I just joined Congressman Ted Budd (NC-13) in introducing the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act. For more information go to: https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/tenney-backsbill-stop-bidens-federal-election-takeover-plans

In March 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14019, titled "Promoting Access to Voting," which empowers every federal agency, even those that have nothing to do with elections, to craft and execute plans related to voting and elections. It was clear from the start that this E.O. was crafted as a Get Out the Vote operation for Democrats. That's why in January 2022, I joined Reps. Budd and Mike Garcia (CA-25) to demand answers from then-Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Shalanda Young, about E.O. 14019. We also asked about possible involvement by farleft third party organizations.

The Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act will stop E.O. 14019 from being implemented. It also requires the strategic plans from federal agencies to be reported to Congress. As part of the appropriations bills considered by Congress this week, I also joined Congressman Budd on six amendments to defund this disastrous Executive Order.

Voting is one of our most sacred rights as American citizens, and it must be protected. President Biden has no business turning federal agencies like the Small Business Administration or State Department into partisan voting operations for Democrats. It's clearly unconstitutional and would further undermine confidence in the integrity of our elections.

Stopping your Tax Dollars From Going to Blacklisted Chinese Companies

On Wednesday, I introduced the Turn Off Federal Funding of Threatening Entities that Thwart American Prosperity Act, or the Turn OFF THE TAP Act, to prohibit federal taxpayer dollars from lining the pockets of entities included on federal trade and sanctions lists, either directly or through third parties. A Senate companion was also introduced by Senator Marco Rubio (FL) and cosponsored by Senators Marsha Blackburn (TN) and Rick Scott (FL). To read more go to: https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/tenney-rubiointroduce-bill-turn-tap-federal-investment-blacklisted-chinese

There is currently no central ban on federal funds going to foreign firms explicitly identified through U.S. government blacklists, including dangerous Chinese companies. The Turn OFF THE TAP Act addresses this national security vulnerability by prohibiting federal funds from going to firms listed on several federal blacklists, including the Department of Commerce's Entity List and the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List. As the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) continues its offensive against American national, economic, and industrial security, while also committing gross human rights abuses, American taxpayers should not be forced to line its pockets.

Senator Rubio and I have collaborated previously on legislation to hold China accountable, which includes our work together on H.R. 6650, the No Chinese Communist SURPRISE Parties Act. This bicameral legislation would direct the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to require any company listed on the U.S. exchanges to identify whether a Chinese Community Party organization is present in the firm's operations. Read more: https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/tenney-rubio-introduce-billrequire-publicly-traded-companies-disclose-chinese

Voted 'NO' on Even More Out-of-Control Spending

This week, the House approved six appropriations bills for fiscal year 2023 (FY23). The bills included funding for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior and Environment; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. I voted "No" on all of these.

Even with 40-year high inflation, House Democrats are still refusing to take this economic crisis seriously. Energy and living costs have reached record highs, and Speaker Pelosi and President Joe Biden's policies are the driving cause. Even the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) attributed 3% of inflation to last year's reckless and untargeted \$1.9 trillion Democrat spending boondoggle.

Instead of addressing these problems, this week House Democrats instead forced a vote on an appropriations package that does nothing to deliver immediate relief to Americans. It increases federal spending, strips out critical provisions prohibiting taxpayer-funded abortions, and incentivizes further illegal immigration. It's out-of-touch and grossly irresponsible.

Welcomed High Schoolers from Future Farmers of America to our Nation's Capitol!

This week, I had the privilege of welcoming several high school students from upstate New York who are members of Future Farmers of America (FFA) to Washington, DC! It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to walk these wonderful students around the U.S. Capitol, speak to them about the legislative process, and even join them in reciting the FFA Creed.

It's Time for Politicians in Albany to Get Tough on Crime

For several years now, crime has been on the rise across America. In 2020, violent crime across the United States rose by more than 5% from the previous year, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The murder rate skyrocketed by nearly 30% and aggravated assaults increased by 11.7%. In 2021, there was a 59% increase in murders of police officers.

Fueled by a rising tide of anti-police rhetoric and pro-criminal policies such as New York's disastrous bail reform law, our communities have been torn apart. And this week, we saw this play out across upstate New York.

First, Congressman Lee Zeldin (NY-01) was assaulted at a rally, where a man tried to stab him. This act of clear political violence was disgusting. Ironically, after Congressman Zeldin spoke about the need to fix New York's disastrous "bail reform" law, his attacker was released shortly after being arrested.

Then, later Thursday night, two police officers in Rochester were tragically shot in the line of duty, one sadly losing their life. I send my deepest condolences and prayers to the officers' families as well as the entire Rochester community.

Our great state is broken, and New Yorkers are desperate for strong leadership and change. The state legislature must repeal bail reform and create a dangerousness standard for judges to hold criminals. We must punish criminals, and restore law and order. The time to act is NOW. (Contd. Pg. 57)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 56) Click the video to watch my full interview on this issue with Fox Business. https://twitter.com/RepTenney/status/1550639165238386688?cxt=HHwWgIC9rd2G_YQrAAAA My Statement on the Respect for Marriage Act

I support the precedent established by the Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges and believe, like the majority in Dobbs recently upheld, that the issue of marriage is fundamentally different than that of abortion. Today, same-sex couples are guaranteed the right to marry, and I agree with the established jurisprudence that this right should be protected.

Despite this fact, House Democrats tried to score cheap political points this week. They chose to forego regular order and the established rules of the House to advance the false narrative that the right of same-sex couples to marry is now under threat and that immediate legislative action by Congress is needed to safeguard it. This is simply not true.

Democrats deliberately rushed this bill through Congress without any committee hearings, markups, or input from relevant stakeholders to avoid having a real debate. Had we followed the rules and debated this bill openly in committee, Republicans would have made clear that same-sex marriage is already protected in America and not under threat, making this bill completely unnecessary.

We would have made clear to the American people that the Supreme Court's jurisprudence has determined and upheld the right to same-sex marriage. As the majority in Dobbs v. Jackson recently stated, '...nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion,' including the right to same-sex marriage.

And, finally, we would have made it very clear that the fear mongering by House Democrats is nothing more than a shamefully partisan stunt designed to distract the American people from the serious crises our nation faces today under their leadership, like rising crime, soaring inflation, and a wide-open Southern Border.

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. 8373, the so-called Right to Contraception Act. Once again, this bill did not proceed through regular House order. It received no consideration whatsoever in the committee of jurisdiction - no hearing, no markup, no debate. Even worse, it is another attempt by Democrats to fear-monger and distract from the fact that despite being in charge, their radical agenda has divided America, driven up inflation, and deteriorated our country's security and economic outlook. Not a single state in the country bans contraceptives. The fact is that in the United States, the right to contraceptives exists and is protected by virtue of existing Supreme Court jurisprudence. Further, it is not in jeopardy or under threat. Moreover, in the Dobbs decision, which overruled Roe v. Wade by holding there is no constitutional right to abortion, the Court distinguished its reasoning in that case from being applied to other constitutional matters, including the right to contraception. While I fully support a woman's ability to access safe and legal contraceptives, this bill is designed to mislead Americans and score cheap political points. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 228-195, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "No" on H.R. 8294, the Partisan Appropriations Package, which included funding for Transportation and Housing and Urban Development; Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior and Environment; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Even with 40-year high inflation, House Democrats are still refusing to take this economic crisis seriously. Energy and living costs have reached record highs, and Speaker Pelosi and President Joe Biden's policies are the driving cause. Instead of addressing these real problems, House Democrats instead forced a vote on an appropriations package that does nothing to deliver immediate relief to Americans. These partisan bills dramatically increase topline spending by 14%, include controversial new Democrat initiatives, strip out critical provisions prohibiting taxpayer-funded abortions, and incentivize further illegal immigration. It's out-of-touch and grossly irresponsible. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 20-207.

I voted "No" on H.R. 8404, the Respect for Marriage Act. I support the precedent established by the Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges and believe, like the majority in Dobbs recently upheld, that the issue of marriage is fundamentally different than that of abortion. Today, same-sex couples are guaranteed the right to marry, and I agree with the established jurisprudence that this right should be protected. Despite this fact, House Democrats today tried to score cheap political points. They chose to forego regular order and the established rules of the House to advance the false narrative that the right of same-sex couples to marry is now under threat and that immediate legislative action by Congress is needed to safeguard it. This is simply not true. Democrats deliberately rushed this bill through Congress without any committee hearings, markups, or input from relevant stakeholders to avoid having a real debate. Had we followed the rules and debated this bill openly in committee, Republicans would have made clear that same-sex marriage is already protected in America and not under threat, making this bill completely unnecessary. We would have made clear to the American people that the Supreme Court's jurisprudence has determined and upheld the right to same-sex marriage. As the majority in Dobbs v. Jackson recently stated, '...nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion,' including the right to same-sex marriage. And, finally, we would have made it very clear that the fear mongering by House Democrats is nothing more than a shamefully partisan stunt designed to distract the American people from the serious crises our nation faces today under their leadership, like rising crime, soaring inflation, and a wide-open Southern Border. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 267-157.

I voted "Yes" on S. 144, the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act. This bill would authorize the Indian Health Service (HIS) to construct a paved road to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in California. The facility provides needed treatment for American Indian and Alaskan Native children aged 12 to 17 suffering from substance abuse and is currently only accessible by a dilapidated dirt road. This reasonable and narrow legislation will ensure these children in need receive the care they need. This bill passed the House by a vote of 379-41.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4404, the Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Act. This bill would direct the Department of Interior to study restored portions of the Kissimmee River to potentially add to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, which consists of rivers designated by the federal government for preservation. Within three years, the Department would submit its findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. After the destruction of wildlife habitats in the 1940s, the Army Corps of Engineers restoration project already has contributed to the return of many wildlife species. This legislation will help ensure the conservation of the restored portions of the Kissimmee River for future generations. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 377-45 (Contd. Pg. 58)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 57)

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7025, the Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act of 2022. This bill would prohibit targeted international environmental conservation grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from going to organizations that have committed human rights violations. This bill will help ensure that U.S. funding does not support organizations that commit or coverup egregious human rights abuses against local populations. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 379-43.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7693, the National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2022. This bill would reauthorize the National Park Foundation through fiscal year 2030. This legislation will reduce deferred maintenance at our national parks, advance public-private partnerships, and address pressing issues like park overcrowding by incentivizing innovative private-sector solutions. The National Park Foundation is an important nonprofit organization which works to create public-private partnerships and raise private funds to support the National Park Service. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 397-22.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1130, Expressing support for the sovereign decision of Finland and Sweden to apply to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as well as calling on all members of NATO to ratify the protocols of accession swiftly. Russia's violent and unprovoked war against Ukraine has led Finland and Sweden to end their decades-long policy of non-alignment and act on their desire to join NATO. Finland and Sweden's membership would help strengthen and modernize NATO, and as members, they would be required to spend at least two percent of their GDP on defense spending. It is in America's national security interests for Europe to be as strong and defensively capable as possible to assure the stability of the region and to lessen the financial burden on the United States. I believe firmly that Europe should be in the driver's seat when it comes to sustaining and safeguarding its own security, which means countries in the region should take the necessary actions to increase their defense spending and not simply rely on others. Finland and Sweden are both security-minded players that are making a commitment to do just that. They possess robust military capabilities and experience working with the US and NATO. Their entry into the Alliance will significantly strengthen regional security in the face of Vladimir Putin's senseless aggression. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 394-18.

It's Still Not Too Late: Schedule Your Summer Tour of our Nation's Capitol Today

As our nation returns to normal and reopens, it is my pleasure to share that tours of the White House and Capitol Building have made their long-awaited return!

While tours have resumed at several locations, sites such as the U.S. Capitol are doing so incrementally. As such, we are still limited in how many constituent tours we can host each week. At present, tours of the Capitol Building have been restricted to one appointment per office per week. Please note, the White House requires 21 days minimum notice to accommodate any tour requests. Availability for both of these tours is extremely limited. I urge you to reach out to my office as soon as possible regarding all future tour requests. You can do so by accessing my tour request portal here.

While my office may be unable to secure a Congressional tour for all the sites you have selected given the high demand and currently limited availability, there are a number of locations that remain available for public tours. I urge you to visit house.gov for more information regarding these opportunities. Such locations include the Supreme Court and the National Archives, which you can view here and here. You may also wish to register to receive your very own reader registration card through the Library of Congress, which you can do here. I would also suggest you contact your U.S. Senators, as they too have been successful in accommodating tour requests. You can submit a tour request to Senator Schumer's office here, as well as to Senator Gillibrand here.

I believe strongly that our Nation's Capitol Building should be opened, which is why I have joined my colleagues in numerous public letters to Speaker Nancy Pelosi urging her to reopen the Capitol for tours. Although tours have started to return, there are still far too many restrictions in place. The American people deserve full access. Rest assured that my office will do all it can to accommodate as many requests as possible. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and wish all visitors a safe and pleasant trip to Washington.

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

We've noticed an uptick in visitors to popular Catskill Park locales, especially the **Peekamoose Blue Hole**, which requires permits. Still, there is illegal parking and hiking and evidence of wear and tear. The only thing to leave in our amazing Catskill Forest Preserve is love and respect.

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:

o 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;

o The permit must be displayed when on site;

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

o 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;

o 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 .(Contd. Pg. 59)

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

(From Pg. 58) o 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:

o Real-time alerts on twitter via @NYSDECAlerts or the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Peekamoose camping sites;

o Posting the DEC Catskill Outdoor Bulletin on the backcountry information website;

o Offering the DEC webpage in Spanish, English, and other languages;

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

o 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

o 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 Catskills, and once they are here. We urge all visitors to 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 TraceTM 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: Belleayre Beach; Kenneth L. Wilson Campground; Minnewaska State Park Preserve; Mongaup Pond Campground; Bear Spring Mountain Campground; Little Pond Campground; and Lake Superior State Park

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 (leaves DEC website) websites and the Catskills Visitor Center at 5096 Route 28 in Mt. Tremper, NY; (845) 688 -3369.

Permits for Peekamoose Blue Hole Day Use, are required 7 days per week, from mid-May through mid-September of each year.

Permits are available as late as the same day, but no more than 7 days in advance. There is a limit of 70 permits issued per day.

The Blue Hole is a day-use area and is part of the Rondout Creek, which flows through the Peekamoose Valley to the Rondout Reservoir. The reservoir provides almost half of the drinking water for more than 9 million people in the New York City metropolitan area.

Special Regulations 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. • Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. • Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste. • The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only): • Camping o All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves) • Use of portable generators • Glass containers • Radios and other audio devices Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone. PLEASE NOTE - Be sure to bring either your electronic reservation confirmation or a printed copy of the confirmation with you to the site. In addition, a valid photo ID for the permittee is required. WHEN YOU ARRIVE - You must park in a designated parking lot along Peekamoose Road. Parking is prohibited along the shoulder of the road. Parking is limited and most parking locations will require walking several hundred yards to get to the Blue Hole. Arrive early to ensue you find a legal parking spot.

CHECK-IN TIME- One-half hour before sunrise. CHECK-OUT TIME- One-half hour after sunset.

OCCUPANCY-Limited to 6 individuals per permit. Users must have a permit with them at all times (paper copy or electronic copy accepted).

AGE REGULATIONS- Permits are only issued to a responsible person 18 years of age or older, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. LENGTH OF STAY-Your Day-Use permit is only valid for one day.

AUDIO DEVICES- No person shall play a musical instrument or audio device, including, but not limited to: radios, tape players, compact disc or digital players at the Blue Hole at any time.

GLASS CONTAINERS - Glass containers are prohibited.

GENERATORS-The use of generators is prohibited.

FIRES- All fires are prohibited, including, but not limited to: charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves. ACCESSIBILITY - The trail to the Blue Hole does not meet ADA accessibility standards.

SWIMMING- This location is not supervised by a lifeguard and caution should be observed by all visitors to the area.

BATHROOMS - Port-a-Johns are provided near the Blue Hole. PETS-Are allowed with proof of a currently valid rabies vaccination in the form of a current year's tag or a certificate issued by the veterinarian. Dogs cannot be left unattended.

Cancellations are not permitted.

Kiwanis of Woodridge Invites VENDORS to the FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL

VENDORS WANTED!

Food, Crafts, Toys, Games, Antiques, Etc.

When: Saturday, September 17, 2022 Rain Date: Sept. 18, 2022 Where: Morningside Park, Hurleyville, NY Time: 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. (Vendor Set-up: 8 A.M. - NOT BEFORE)

Games, Scavenger Hunt, Music, Food, and More. Fun for the Whole Family.

Open to vendors on a first paid basis. Contact Jill at 845-798-6058 or jweiner66@gmail.com or Diane at 845-866-3204 or dsenn10151@aol.com for an application or if you have questions.

Vendors must provide their own equipment. Non-food vendor space is 10'x10' for \$15.00 ea.; Food vendor space is 15'x15' for \$20 ea.; Food truck fees are \$30 ea. Application and fees must be received no later than August 20, 2022



Join our team! Part time position available

Housekeeping and Building Maintenance Crew Member

Applicants may forward a letter of application and resume to Jen Thomas, Director, via email at jenthomas@rcls.org. Or by mail to: Daniel Pierce Library, Attn: Jen Thomas, P.O. Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Visit danielpiercelibrary.org for more information.
Claryville Vol. Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair, Community Yard Sale, and Open House





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Saturday, August 27, 2022 Rain or Shine

> Claryville Fire Dept. 1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725 10 AM to 3 PM





The trains are gone, but the masterpiece train layout remains. The layout contains multiple features & items that would be wonderful for a new train enthusiast or anyone who builds miniatures.



If interested in disassembling the entire masterpiece layout and carting it away, please call EJ at 845-866-1579.



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Wednesdays @ 11 am | June 29 - August 10

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Daniel Pierce Library Entertainment Night 2022 Erik's Edventures

Thursday, July 28 6:00 p.m. Grahamsville Fairgrounds Under the Pavilion For children of ALL ages and their families



Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and fun with friends!

Erik's Reptile Edventures bringing LIVE animals to the fairgrounds!

There will be a free book for every child who attends. For your comfort, please bring chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing you at the fairgrounds!

Please register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org For more information, please call 985-7233.



Daniel Pierce Library

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Please join the Liberty Rotary Club in a special evening of dancing, fun and food to raise funds for The Special Olympics.

Just \$20 gives you access to this all-inclusive event featuring great music by D.J. Mazz of Prestige Productions, as well as a burger or hot dog and soft drink.

Friday, July 29, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

At The Loch Sheldrake Firemen's Park 815 State Route 52 in Loch Sheldrake, NY

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities please contact Joseph Abraham at josephabraham2011@gmail.com







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

Students are invited to submit an original design for the library's Summer Reading Program bookmark! Winning designs will be selected and printed to be the official 2022 DPL Bookmark.

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.

1 winner will be picked from each category. Winners will receive a \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card.



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The Catskill Regional Invasive **Species Partnership (CRISP)**

CRISP is a collaborative of organizations and agencies that work cooperatively to promote prevention, early detection/rapid response, omy, and human health.

Each year, in addition to conducting public outreach and management activities, CRISP supports research regarding extent, ecological impact and effective controls of priority invasive species. Specifically, CRISP has funded projects that focus on prevention, early detection, invasive species identification and control, and surveys for invasive species.

One of eight Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) in New York State, CRISP covers all of Otsego, Schoharie, and Delaware Counties; most of Ulster, Greene and Sullivan Counties; and a small part of Orange County. The partnership is coordinated by the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development through a contract with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

What are invasive species and why should we take action?

Invasive species are species that are not native to a particular ecosystem and have the ability to cause significant harm to our environment, economy or human health. They affect us all and threaten our treasured waters, lands, food production, and even human health. New York's lands, waters, and agricultural resources are worth protecting. Invasive species are costly to our communities and society. Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species is far more cost-effective than trying to remove them once they have become established.

Examples:

Northern snakehead, a predatory fish from Asia, are voracious eaters that have the potential to reduce or even eliminate native fish populations and alter aquatic communities. Municipalities which rely on tourist dollars from recreational fishing may suffer losses should northern snakeheads continue to invade New York waters.

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest from Asia that primarily feeds on tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima) but can also feed on a wide variety of plants such as grapevine, hops, maple, walnut, fruit trees agricultural and tourism industries.

Hydrilla is one of the most difficult aquatic invasive species to control and eradicate in the United States. Infestations can have negative impacts on recreation, tourism and aquatic ecosystems

ing vegetation including threatened and endangered species. It can even prevent tree seedling establishment. It can also harm populations of mammals, insects, lizards, snakes and song birds by altering food sources.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that kills thousands of oaks in the to get this done." United States each year. All oaks are susceptible to the fungus, but the red oak group often die much faster than white oaks.

What can NY's citizens do about invasive species?

The good news is that everyone can take simple measures to prevent the spread of invasive species:

Clean, drain, and dry all watercraft, trailers and gear after visiting a waterbody.

Buy and burn local firewood.

Use native plants in gardening and landscaping.

Be a responsible aquarium and exotic pet owner-never dump or release species into the wild.

Help detect invasive species by reporting findings to the iMap Invasives online database.

Get involved with your local PRISM (like the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership) -they are groups of organizations and individuals working together to prevent and manage invasive species

The Catskill Center hosts and coordinates a cooperative partnership of diverse stakeholders throughout the Catskill region called the

Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP).

CRISP is one of eight Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs) in New York funded by the Environmental Protection Fund.

CRISP's mission is to promote prevention, early detection and rapid and control of invasive species to protect natural resources, the econ- response, and in limited areas/cases, broader control of invasive species to protect natural resources. In addition to conducting public outreach and management activities, CRISP will support research on ecological impact and effective controls of invasive species

UC Sales Tax Agreement Shares an Additional \$1.5 Million in Revenues with Towns

UC Executive Pat Ryan announced that a sales tax agreement was unanimously approved on Tuesday, and shares an additional 1% of county sales tax revenues with towns • As part of the sales tax agreement between UC and the City of Kingston, the towns in Ulster County will receive a one-time disbursement of 4% of the sales taxes collected in 2021

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that a sales tax agreement was unanimously approved on Tuesday, July 19th, 2022. As part of the agreement between Ulster County and the City of Kingston, the towns in Ulster County will receive 4% of the sales taxes collected in 2021 - a one-time disbursement of an additional 1% or \$1.5 million.

"This is unprecedented in Ulster County, to share additional revenues with our towns, and really reflects our values - that when government entities work collaboratively, it better serves our residents," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Ulster County Town Supervisors have been vocal about wanting a larger share of the revenues, and we heard you."

"This agreement keeps intact the City's current share of the sales tax revenue, while also providing towns with additional funding to help meet each town's unique financial needs," Mayor Steve Noble said. "The City of Kingston uses sales tax revenue to support our work in rebuilding our infrastructure, combating the housing crisis, and improving essential services provided to City and County residents each day."

"Tm thrilled that we were able to reach an agreement to provide an and others. This insect could impact New York's forests as well as the increased share of County sales tax to our municipalities," Ulster County Chairwoman Tracey Bartels said. "We look to our partners in local government to utilize the increase in a way that benefits our shared constituents in the most meaningful way."

"I am grateful that we are in the position to provide further support for Slender false brome is an invasive grass that can outcompete exist- our towns in Ulster County. This additional funding being provided to the towns will provide an opportunity for them to ease the burden on local taxpayers," Ulster County Majority Leader Jonathan Heppner (D-Woodstock, Hurley) said. "I thank Executive Ryan, Mayor Noble and my colleagues in the Legislature and Common Council for coming together

"At a time of unprecedented sales tax revenues, I'm proud that we're able to share these additional funds with the towns who do so much to support the residents of Ulster County," Ulster County Minority Leader Ken Ronk said. "With the current economic challenges regarding inflation and increasing costs, I'm sure this comes at an opportune time for the municipalities."

"Ulster County's Town Supervisors and Mayors are pleased the contributions of local government are recognized with this groundbreaking agreement in support of the residents of Ulster County," Town of Rochester Town Supervisor Mike Baden said. "The municipalities look forward to future collaborative endeavors with the County Executive and Legislature on behalf of our shared constituents."

In 2021, Ulster County exceeded the 2020 Budget Amount and entered into discussions about sharing additional revenues with the towns. The agreement is subject to the approval of the City of Kingston's Common Council.

The sales tax agreement between Ulster County and the City of Kingston shares 3% of sales taxes with the towns for the period of March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2026.

NYS Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2021, 282 Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to 26,207 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,562 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators are on the front lines each and every day protecting our natural resources by upholding New York's environmental laws and regulations and safeguarding public health," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "From ensuring hunters and anglers follow rules and regulations afield and on the water, to sustaining partnerships with local law enforcement agencies investigating crimes that include solid waste dumping and air emissions violations, ECOs and Investigators are on patrol, ready to serve their communities. Each year brings new challenges, and fortunately, these Officers and Investigators are expertly trained to perform their duties with persistence, integrity, and good judgment, as they've done for over a century."

A Rattling in the Middle of the Night



On July 6 at approximately 3 a.m., ECO Osborne responded to a complaint of a rattlesnake in a residence in the town of Hancock. The caller reported he woke in the middle of the night to his dog barking in the living room. When he went to investigate, the man spotted a 3.5-foot timber rattlesnake on the living room floor and called for help. ECO Osborne captured the rattlesnake and released it back into the wild far from any homes. Although they are not seen very often, timber rattlesnakes are native to New York State and they are venomous. Timber rattlesnakes are generally

found in small, localized areas, and are considered a threatened species protected by law. For more information visit

Coyote Pup Rescue

On July 15, ECO Burgess responded to the Schenevus Fairgrounds where fair goers reported a coyote pup by the fireworks tent. Officer Burgess used her catch pole to secure the animal and with the assistance of the Schenevus Fire Department, got the pup into a box. They relocated the pup away from the fair-



grounds and back into the wild. Coyotes are shy by nature but can be active during daylight hours. For video of the rescue visit DEC's website.

Too Tangled to Swim

July 14, On **ECOs** received reports of a loon on Lake Bonaparte that appeared to have fishing line and a possible lure tangled in its legs and body, restricting its ability to swim or dive. Worden ECO responded to the location and spotted the loon along the opposite shoreline. The caller volunteered to take



Officer Worden on his boat to the loon's location and they discovered it bound with a crank bait and several feet of braided fishing line tangled. ECO Worden successfully removed the lure and line from the loon and released it back to the lake.

Killdeer Down the Drain



On July 6, ECO DeRose received a call from a woman at a school playground with her children when she heard what sounded like a bird chirping in a drain. Officer DeRose responded and discovered an old access hole in the ground covered by welded steel plates. The steel diamond

plate had two small holes, allowing a small killdeer fledgling to enter and become trapped. Unable to remove the welded plates, ECO DeRose used his catch pole to carefully grab onto the fledgling and slowly remove it from the hole. The Officer reunited the bird with its mother nearby as she closely monitored the activity. Officer DeRose was sure to cover the holes in the plates with large stones before leaving the area.

Raccoons Rescued

On July 6, ECO DeRose received a request to help a woman

reporting a sick raccoon in her backyard. Officer DeRose responded to the home and discovered two juvenile raccoons that appeared to be undernourished. He canvassed the surrounding area in search of the mother but could not find her. The house is on a main road and ECO DeRose presumed the young raccoons were orphaned. The Officer crated and transported the animals to a local wildlife rehabilitator certified to accept



raccoons where they will be cared for until they are self-sufficient.

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JULY 28, 2022

"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I IN CELEBRATION OF "CHRISTMAS IN JULY," ON IMOB, WE OFFER FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

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Wonderful Christmas time fantasy about three old men getting young, handsome, hunky Richard Carlson to fall in love with sweet, young, beautiful Jean Parker. There's a lot more to it but I don't want to ruin it. This is VERY low-budget and the story is overly sentimental and more than a little silly ----but I have a soft spot in my heart for it. When I was young a local TV station showed this film around Christmastime for years. I haven't seen it for almost 30 years but caught it on TCM. And I STILL love it! Something about it has always captivated me. The whole movie was some-what predictable but enthralled, I kept watching it. The acting was excellent by everybody (Carlson especially —and his singing is GREAT) The story didn't get too goody-goody or syrupy, and it all ends on a very happy note. And damned if that ending didn't have me crying. A wonderful Christmas movie ---right up there with "A Christmas Story" and "It's a Wonderful Life". This film should really be rediscovered. Well worth seeing. Unfortunately the print on TCM is in terrible condition. It's faded and jumpy but not unwatchable. Still worth seeing. I heard there's a COL-ORIZED print of this! Avoid that at all costs! (Contd. Pg. 75)



(From Pg. 74) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II CELEBRATING LOVE AND "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

(1947 / RATED PG / ROMANTIC FILM-NOIR / 120 MIN) https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0038650



An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed



Directed by Frank Capra, and starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III CELEBRATING LOVE & CHRISTMAS IN JULY CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES (2018 / CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE / RATED PG / 1HR 43 MIN)

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2990140





The story of sister and brother, Kate and Teddy Pierce, whose Christmas Eve plan to catch Santa Claus on camera turns into an unexpected journey that most kids could only dream about.



Directed by Clay Kaytis, Writer: Matt Lieberman, David Guggenheim, Starring, Kurt Russell, Darby Camp, Judah Lewis

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