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NYSACHO Members Elect 2021-2022 Board of Directors, Executive Committee and President

Commissioner of Onondaga County Health Department Indu Gupta, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, Elected Incoming President (Albany, New York, June 7, 2021) The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) today announced the results of its 2021 election for Board of Directors. NYSACHO represents all 58 of New York's local health departments, serving as the collective voice of New York State's local public health system. Newly elected board members are Patricia Schnabel Ruppert, DO, MPH, CPE, DABFM, FAAFP, Rockland County Commissioner of Health and Medical Director, and Christine Schuyler, BSN, RN, MHA, Chautauqua County Commissioner of Social Services and Public Health Director. Rupert and Schuyler bring years of expertise and experience to the Board as they join existing NYSACHO board members, including:

- o Indu Gupta, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, President, Commissioner, Onondaga County Health Department
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- o Kevin D. Watkins, MD, MPH, Immediate Past President, Public Health Director Cattaraugus County
- o Linda Beers, MPH, Public Health Director/Director of Services for Children with Disabilities, Essex County
- o Paul A. Pettit, MSL, CPH, Public Health Director, Genesee and Orleans Counties
- o Heidi Bond, BSN, CPH, Public Health/Patient Services Director, Otsego County
- o Irina Gelman, DPM, MPH, Commissioner, Orange County
- o Emiko Otsubo, Chief Operating Officer/Executive Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- o Michael D. Mendoza, MD, MPH, MS, FAAFP, Commissioner of Public Health, Monroe County Health Department (Contd. Pg 4)



Nancy McGraw, LCSW, MBA, MPH, Vice President, Public Health Director, Sullivan County

Second Graders Receive Books from Monticello Kiwanis Club



From left Teacher Barbara Bitjeman, Kiwanian/EPIC Prog Mgr. Jane Sorensen, Cooke School Principal Virginia Gallet and second grade students proudly displaying chapter books.

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello recently delivered chapter books to the thirteen second grade classes at the George L. Cooke Elementary School in Monticello just before summer break begins.

The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl, who is a retired 4th grade teacher. Accompanying Ms. Motl to the classrooms was Jane Sorensen, who is a Kiwanis member as well as Family Engagement Program Manager for EPIC (Every Person Influences Children). Some classrooms had students in the room and others had students on zoom. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. Ecclesiastes 1:18

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****June 13, 1951**

Rev. William Coombe was feted a testimonial dinner last Tuesday evening at Lake Minnewaska when over 300 people gathered for the occasion. Mr. Coombe retired in 1937 but has lived a busy and active life as he is continually in demand as a speaker.

Private Paul Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Curry was reported "missing in action" according to a War Department telegram received by his parents on Sunday. At 9 pm on Monday they were notified that he had been killed in action while serving in Korea.

Ray McNamara has been employed by Andrew George for the haying season. He will begin work there at the close of school.

Mrs. Benjamin Hill has a full page feature in the June issue of the *Grade Teacher* entitled "Flag Day." Mrs. Hill has been writing children's verse and stories for many years and has been published widely. She has been called the "poet laureate" of Grahamsville.

June 14, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink, while in N.Y.C. last week to attend a performance of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown", a Broadway musical, had a once in a lifetime experience. They reached their seats in the front row and it became apparent that excitement was coursing through the audience. They looked around to see a couple headed for their row. The names of the couple??? Ike and Mamie Eisenhower, who took their seats next to the Rubenzahls.

On Sunday, June 11, the following children were baptized at the Children's Day Service held in the Grahamsville Reformed Church: Michael and Walter Garigliano, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano; Donald VanValkenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. David VanValkenburg; Philip Coombe III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe Jr.; and Bruce and Laurie Erath, children of Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Houghtaling are the parents of a baby boy, Robert Paul, born June 6th at the Veteran's Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. Mother and baby came home on Friday.

June 16, 1971

A substantial number of people attended the ground-breaking ceremonies at Tri-Valley Central School, Tuesday, June 15th. The ceremony, held on the new building site was highlighted by the appearance of JoAnne Oliver, the youngest child of record in this school. She turned over the first shovelful of earth, assisted by many well-wishers.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Richardson of Liberty, N.Y. wish to announce the birth of a son, Kenneth James, on June 14th in Liberty Loomis Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson of Grahamsville and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson of Ferndale, N.Y.

Miss Barbara Sosnowski was guest of honor at a bridal shower on Sunday, May 23rd held at the Neversink Firehouse. It was given for her by Shirley and Bonnie Dean, Nancy Sosnowski and Carolyn Hill. (Miss Sosnowski was married to George Dean on June 5th.)

June 11, 1981

John F. Gallagher III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher Jr. of Grahamsville, was graduated from the United States Naval Academy on Wednesday, May 27, 1981. He was also commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy. During his four-year course of study, Jack was consistently on the Dean's List. In his last semester, he earned a perfect "A" average.

David S. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill of Hastings Drive, Grahamsville was also among the graduates of the Naval Academy. David, like Jack, is a 1977 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and entered the Academy on July 6th of that year. During his final year, he served as Sub Commander of 14th company.

The wedding of Barbara Nanovic and Walter F. Garigliano took place May 23rd at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Palmerton. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nanovic of Palmerton and Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano of Grahamsville.

Happy Anniversary wishes go to Don and Wanda Terwilliger on June 12th for 21 happy years. Congratulations!

Senior Stroll in Liberty

Liberty, NY On, Wednesday, June 16, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, the public is invited to a Senior Stroll at Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty, NY.

This is the first in a monthly series during 2021 aimed at engaging folks age 60 and up to come out and enjoy beautiful beginner trails in Sullivan County. The experienced trip leaders are Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor and Glenn Horton of the Friends of Walnut group. The outing's theme is the variety of ferns found along the new ADA accessible trail at Walnut Mountain Park, constructed by the Friends group.

There will be hiking poles available to use at no cost, with simple coaching on how to use them to improve stability and enjoyment.

This outing is 1 mile in length, on a fairly level ground, with a gentle ascent for a mile. Participants should be able to walk a mile unassisted and have permission from their doctor if under medical care. Future Senior Strolls will be different lengths and difficulty so that participants can find an outing that fits their ability level. Please bring a mask. Group size will be limited to 14.

REGISTRATION is required! Call Lisa at Morgan Outdoors (845) 439-5507 by Tuesday, June 15th or email to info@morgan-outdoors.com.

Household Hint:

Wipe away mildew

When you want to remove mildew stains, reach for white vinegar first. It can be safely used without additional ventilation and can be applied to almost any surface –bathroom fixtures and tile, clothing, furniture, painted surfaces, plastic curtains, and more. To eliminate heavy mildew accumulations, use it full strength. For light stains, dilute it with an equal amount of water. You can also prevent mildew from forming on the bottoms of rugs and carpeting by misting the backs with full-strength white vinegar from a spray bottle.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Versatile Elderberry

Elderberries are in blossom now. An attractive shrub that you might consider cultivating in your backyard. Not only can you eat the tasty Elderberries when they are ripe, but there are many recipes that call for Elderberry blossoms, too. In fact, you may have noticed new products in the Health Care aisle at the supermarket promoting the benefits of elderberries! The elderberry has certainly popularity this past year.

You will find the Elder berry growing in moist places, in marshes, along riverbanks, along roadsides, and in moist woods and thickets

Elderberry is a member of the honeysuckle family, (*Sambucus nigra/canadensis*) It is a shrub that grows up to thirteen feet high, with smooth, gray bark. Elderberry is a deciduous multi-stemmed shrub with brittle branches that easily bend under the weight of its fruit clusters. Suckers from the roots that branch from the base of the main stems force the plant to form dense thickets, thus making this shrub ideal for a living fence.



Corky bumps cover the slender branches have a spongy, white pith inside them. This pith can be easily removed. Young folk, years ago would make whistles from the branches. The ancient Greeks used Elder branches and shoots in a similiar way to make a musical instrument called a sambuke.

The opposite, feather-compound leaves may be over three feet long. This leaf is divided into 5-11 coarsely toothed, pointed, short-stalked elliptical leaflets, each 3-4" long.

In late spring or early summer, the Elder bears tiny, branched, white, lacy flowers in flat-topped to slightly rounded clusters (panicles) that spread over 6" across.

Flowers my be collected by plucking off the stalk at the base of a cluster. If you do collect the flower clusters, take only a small amount of the flowers from each bush, and collect only where they are abundant or the plant won't produce any tasty berries. Where you find one Elderbush, you usually find many more.

The flowers can be made into some very tasty treats such as Elderblow (Elder berry fritters). They can be made by using your favorite tempura or pancake batter. Elder flowers can also be used to make a pleasant tasting tea, especially with mint.

Once the berries are ripe you will look for the tiny, spherical, juicy, purple-black to black, seedy berries that are hardly more than 1/8" across. They grow in branched clusters, like the flowers, ripening from mid-summer to early fall. Their high quantities commonly weigh down the branches of the shrub.

You should never eat green Elderberries! In fact, some people may not tolerate ripe Elderberries unless they are cooked in pancakes, muffins, pies, jams and jellies or wine. Be sure that you check with someone who can definitely identify a plant before consuming any wild berries or plant parts.

Certainly a versatile shrub, the Elderberry has a long history among the Native Americans and European folk medicine. Elderberry was especially prone to attracting quite the array of mythology. It was sacred in Saxony. In Norse and Teutonic myth, Elderberry was sacred to the goddess Hulda, and in the later period of the Scalds, to Freya who they believed dwelled within the Elder Tree. In some parts of Asia Elder berry was used to keep the evil spirits away. Often you will see illustrations of fairies perched on an Elderberry cluster.

Whether you enjoy the beauty or the taste of the feathery white blossoms this time of the year, collecting the ripened fruit or just watching the many birds that are attracted to the berries, having an Elderberry tree in your backyard can be delightful.

Then again, after finishing this week's column, I am compelled to add something. I just learned from a neighbor, the bear love Elderberries, too! Hm-m-m, maybe that is why there are so many mythical interpretations of this versatile plant! Nevertheless, I just ordered severel Elderberry trees on Amazon! I believe the positives of this ancient plant outweigh sharing a few berries with the neighborhood bear.

NYSACHO Members Elect 2021-2022 Board of Directors, Executive Committee and President

(From Pg. 1) Carol M. Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, Ulster County o Amy E. Gildemeister, PHD, Director of Public Health, Schoharie County DR. INDU GUPTA ELECTED NYSACHO PRESIDENT NANCY MCGRAW ELECTED NYSACHO VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTED Nancy McGraw will join Dr. Gupta on the Board of Directors Executive Committee, along with Dr. Kevin Watkins, immediate past president. NYSACHO Executive Director Sarah Ravenhall said: “We welcome our new board members and leadership team as we emerge from a pandemic that has underscored the imperative to responsibly support and resource our public health system. We will continue to work with Incoming NYSACHO President Dr. Indu Gupta was appointed as Commissioner of Health at the Onondaga County Health Department in November 2014. She completed her medical degree in India, a Master of Arts in public administration and a certificate of advanced study in health service management and policy from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her clinical work with individual patients in private practice in Syracuse led to her further interest in population health to improve health outcomes, with special interests in epidemiology, quality and process improvement. She implemented such initiatives while working at the University of California at Los Angeles as clinical faculty before returning to Syracuse in 2014. As Commissioner of Health, Dr. Gupta focused on Community Health Assessment and Improvement plans with strong community engagement to identify health priorities in the community. She has implemented health equity, accountability, performance management and quality improvement policies to guide the work of the Health Department, and has developed strong community and health care sector partnerships to protect and improve health of the community. Dr. Gupta is board certified in internal medicine and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians. She serves on several advisory boards. Board member Nancy McGraw was elected to serve as NYSACHO's Vice-President/President Elect. Ms. McGraw was appointed as Public Health Director for Sullivan County in 2013 after having served as Deputy Director for 7 years. She has 21 years of experience in public health and holds a Master's in Public Health from the University at Albany. She completed an Executive MBA in healthcare administration from Binghamton University in 1999, and a Master of Social Work degree in 1992 from Marywood College in Scranton, PA. She also serves on the board of directors

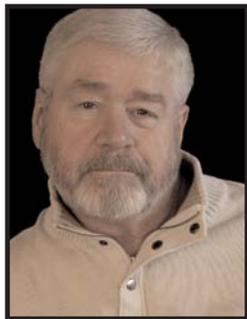
for New York State Association for Rural Health. As Sullivan County's Public Health Director, she has implemented quality improvement and performance management initiatives and has guided the Sullivan County Rural Health Network and community stakeholders to bring together broad sectors of the community to focus on improving community health, including addressing the opioid crisis and advocating for the 2017 passage of a local Tobacco 21 law - the first small rural county in NYS to do so prior to similar statewide passage. Also, in collaboration with the Department of Population Health, New York University School of Medicine, Ms. McGraw has co-authored recent publications concerning research designed to better match the limited public health resources of rural counties to the geographical areas with the highest burden of disease. elected officials to drive NYSACHO's legislative agenda forward, the most central element of which is increasing flexible state funding for New York's local health departments.” Dr. Gupta said: “The COVID-19 pandemic has made clearer than ever that our local public health infrastructure is critically important to the safety and well-being of our communities during and after the pandemic. It is an honor and a privilege to lead this group of extraordinary professionals and public servants, who every day not only serve on the front lines of the pandemic, but also continue to meet the challenges of numerous critical public health priorities as the chief health strategists of their respective communities.” The new board of directors and executive committee began their one-year term effective June 1, 2021. To view a listing of NYSACHO Directors and for more information, please visit: <https://www.nysacho.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>

Second Graders Receive Books from Monticello Kiwanis Club

(From Pg. 1) Teacher Ms. Barbara Bitjeman stated “A big thank you to Kiwanis Club for their continued tradition of bringing new chapter books to our Second Graders. It is such an important and endearing gift to enhance the joys of reading”.

The students were very courteous and expressed their appreciation for the gift of reading material and they were especially thrilled that they were chapter books. They were also very interested to learn more about the Kiwanis Club and the many ways they help the children in the community, i.e. the Sweet Dreams Program assisting children going into Foster Care with comforting items, holiday gifts for children in need, scholarships for high school seniors, and they were also impressed with the service leadership clubs Kiwanis sponsors in the Middle School and High School.

The mission of Kiwanis is dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time. For more information about the Monticello Kiwanis Club, contact President Marvin Rappaport at 845 -701-1655.



Widespread Panic

Mysterious Book Report No. 453

by John Dwaine McKenna

In a departure of sorts from his usual crime thrillers, master word-smith and MWA Grand Master James Ellroy takes a wiiiiiiiiild, wacky and wonked out trip down the paranormal rabbit hole, based on the schemes of a notorious real-life Hollywood fixer, PI and bent cop named Fred Otash.

Hot off the presses, (released June 15, 2021) *Widespread Panic*, (Alfred Knopf, \$26.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-31934-5), is Mr. Ellroy, writing at the top of his L.A. noir game, as he details the sins of Fred Otash, the “Scandal Rag Scoundrel” and “undisputed autocrat of abusive alliteration.” In the novel –as in real life –Otash dies in 1992. Since then, he's been locked away in cell 2607 of the Penance Penitentiary, where he suffers constantly at the hands of those whom he slandered or otherwise hurt in real life, as they drop by his cell with electric cattle prods. But now, as the novel begins, Freddy O's been offered a deal . . . *confess all of your sins in exchange for being released from Purgatory*. It's the proverbial 'get out of jail free' card and Otash goes to work at once, holding nothing back, nor leaving anything out.

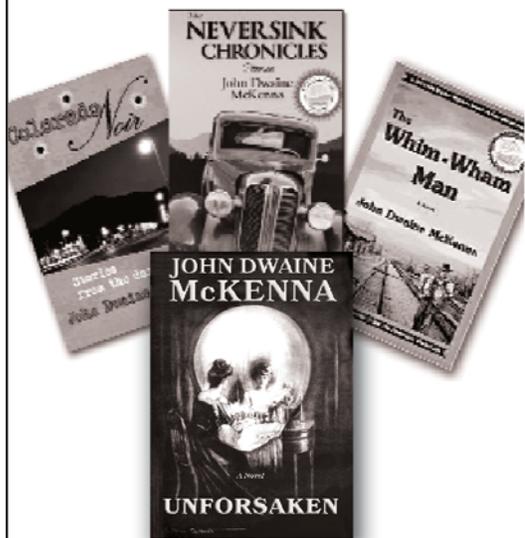
The result is vintage Ellroy as the confessions and the capers start early, last long and never end. Beginning in 1950, Otash goes from being a crooked LAPD cop to an even more disreputable Private Investigator who'll stop at nothing to get what he wants. And what he wants is sleaze, as he dishes the dirt for his other gig . . . gossip columnist for *Confidential*, a lurid, libelous and licentious morally corrupt rag that exposes communist party members, interracial relationships and the goings-on after dark of Hollywood's biggest celebrities. No one is safe and no one is spared from burglaries, illegal wiretaps or stalkings as Freddy O. creeps, crawls and slithers his way into the most intimate and sordid details of celebrity lives, then publicly exposes them. Rock Hudson, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, Nick Adams, Jack Kennedy and the infamous 'Red Light Bandit' and stone cold killer Caryl Chessman –as well as LAPD Chief William H. Parker and many others are all featured in this late night romp down the seamy side of the street as James Ellroy puts his incredible writing talent on full display for all noir enthusiasts to read and enjoy. For those who do, it'll be one of 2021's most memorable

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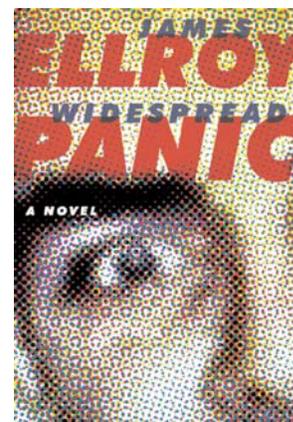
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The New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program was created to provide flexible grant assistance to currently viable small businesses, micro-businesses, and for-profit independent arts and cultural organizations in the State of New York that have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Catskill Center Founder Sherret Chase Dies at 102

June 9, 2021 -- Arkville, NY: Catskill Center for Conservation and Development founder Sherret Spaulding Chase died Monday, June 7 at his home in the Town of Olive, surrounded by his family. He was 102. Sherret Chase is remembered as a Catskills visionary, having founded the Catskill Center in 1969 with the dual mission of protecting the environment while spurring in the region's economy.

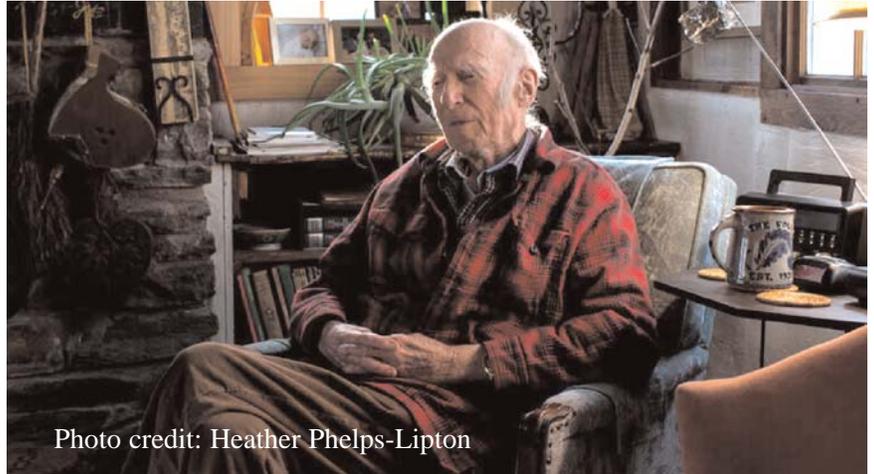


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“The Catskill Center will take on the mantle of Sherret's advocacy and try to make him proud. His unparalleled advocacy for the Catskills continued until the very end of his life, and he believed, as we do now, in the benefit of collaboration among the region's stakeholders,” said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. “While a Catskills region without Sherret Chase seems unimaginable, and he is inextricably linked to the Catskill Forest Preserve, the Catskill Center will carry on with his goals of conservation and development. Right now, our thoughts are with his family.”

In his biography from the Catskill Center's 50th Anniversary publication in 2019, *Natural Resources: 50 Stewards of the Catskills*, Chase said the ideas of conservation and development may have seemed antithetical to some. He said the goal was to use the two principles together to protect against “mis-development” of the pristine Catskill region.

“Sherret Chase's vision helped to significantly protect and enrich the Catskill Mountains. The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development is one of Sherret's many legacies, and will endure as long as there are people who live among and enjoy these mountains,” said Margaret DiBenedetto, President of the Catskill Center Board of Directors. “On behalf of the Board of Directors, our hearts go out to the family and are heavy with his loss, but are light with the memories we have of his insightful leadership and gracious friendship.”

Sherret's daughter, Helen K. Chase, serves as vice chair of the Catskill Center's Board of Directors.

Prior to founding the Catskill Center, Sherret Chase performed groundbreaking work in plant breeding, including in corn genetics. He earned an undergraduate botany degree from Yale University, a doctorate in genetics from Cornell University, and was awarded a fellowship at Harvard University in the area of forestry. Sherret received numerous honorary degrees and awards.

Sherret Chase was born June 30, 1918 in Toledo, Ohio son of the late Clement E. and Helen Mar Kelsey Chase. He was predeceased by his wife Catherine November 2, 2012.



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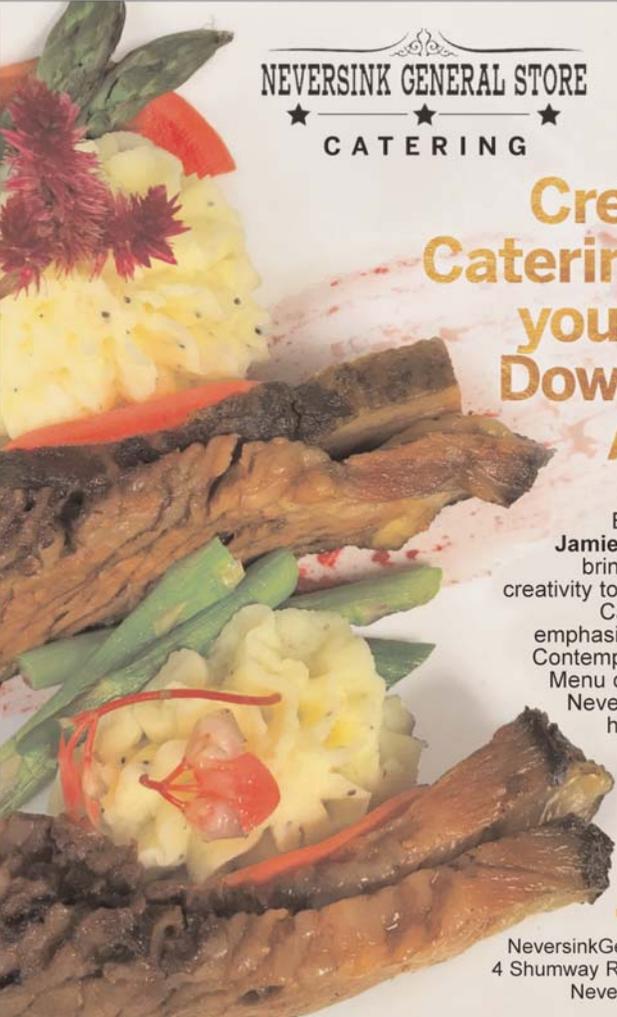
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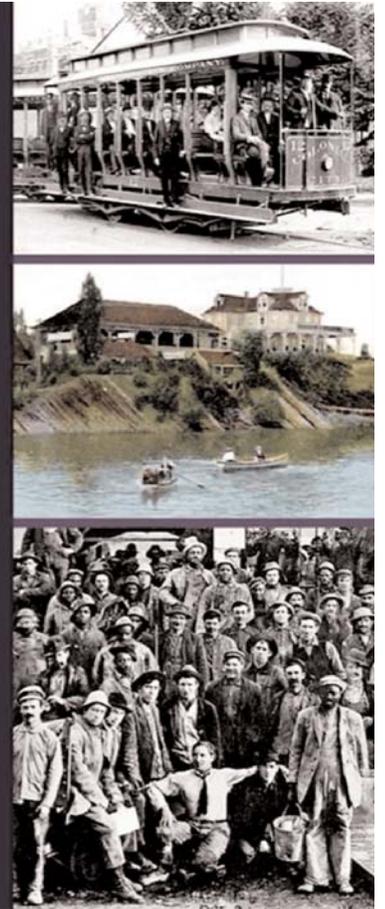
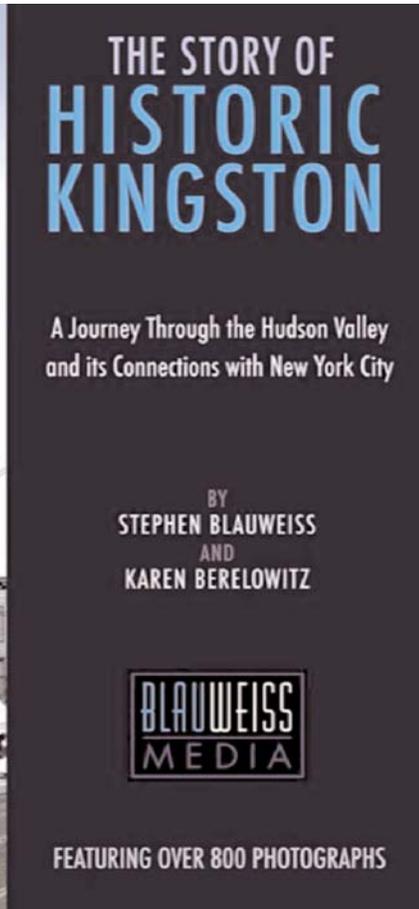
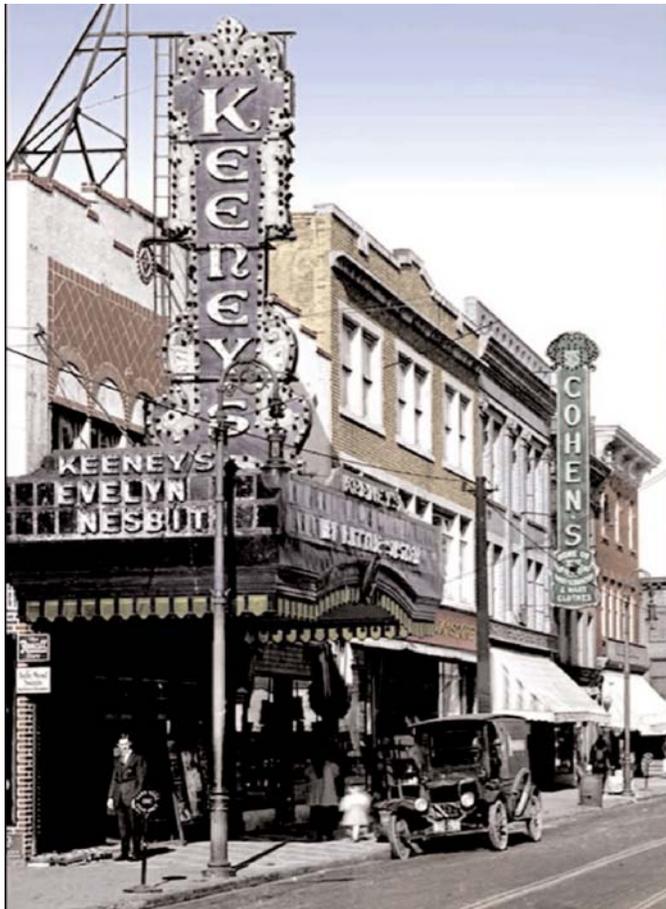
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Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Welcomes Blauweiss Media's "Historic Kingston" Book Preview & Mini-Exhibit to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 19, Stephen Blauweiss of Blauweiss Media will present "The Story of Historic Kingston" book preview and mini-exhibit at the Matthewis Persen House Museum located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On Saturday, June 19 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, join Stephen Blauweiss, award-winning independent filmmaker, as he shares a full-color draft of his upcoming 450-page book, with co-author Karen Berelowitz, about historic Kingston and Ulster County. The book has 850 images and will be available for preview and discussion with the authors. Also, there will be select interpretive displays from their "History of Uptown Kingston" gallery shown with many additional rare photographs.



Blauweiss is also co-director and co-producer of the feature documentary "Lost Rondout: A Story of Urban Removal," and co-author of the books "Uptown Kingston: Looking Back, Moving Forward" and "The Life & Death of the Kingston Post Office." A number of Blauweiss' films have been screened in museums, exhibitions, and festivals across the US, Europe, and Canada.

"We are so excited to have Stephen Blauweiss at the Persen House," said County Clerk Postupack. "His passion and expertise provide us with a detailed look at our community's heritage. It is wonderful to be able to showcase these rare photographs and images in one of the oldest buildings in Stockade District."

To learn more about Blauweiss Media and their contributions to preserving our history and heritage, visit their website at <http://www.hudsonvalleyhistoryandart.com>. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or <http://county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us> or visit us on Facebook.



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Town of Neversink 2021 SWIMMING LESSONS SIGNUP

Swimming Lessons Registration has begun and is ongoing at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Documents section of the Town of Neversink's website or picked up at the Neversink Town Hall located in Grahamsville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or the Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. Lessons are expected to begin July 5th and run through August 6th. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

<http://www.townofneversink.org>

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison



JAZZ ON THE LAWN was a marvelous way to spend a Saturday evening. The father and son duo of TOM AND TOMMY provided a long set of easy jazz that was something that I didn't know I needed until I was there. I can only speak for myself, but that set in the waning sun was like a pat on the shoulder saying everything would be alright. Soul affirming, if you will. I particularly enjoyed the story of how they came by the saxophone the son played in certain songs. One could tell it was vintage by the patina and the sound and it indeed was from the 1950's and was rescued from oblivion by the duo who brought it back to life with some repair by the father and the expert playing by the son. I'm seeing more and more resurrection of vintage instruments, not so much out of necessity but more of an appreciation of the sound which is just a bit different, comfortable and more mellow like a grandfather or grandmother's lap.

SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL finished out the evening segway-ing from that lap into their own unique brand of toe tapping, smile inducing, applause inspiring rocking soul. My apologies for not including pictures from this due to unavoidable technical difficulties.

I saw all this at an interesting little gem known as the SFS STAGE at 1864 Route 52 in Liberty across from the carwash and Panda Parlor. Ever the skeptic (because I like being pleasantly surprised when I'm wrong), I wasn't quite sure how this would work. But work it does. The brainchild of singer LAURA GARONE of SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL, this venue is really quite impressive. A lot of thought went into this.

Most importantly, this is the ONLY outside venue in miles. This is strictly an outdoor venue so it is under the dictates of the sky and the seasons. But for those who are still nervous about going out, this is a place you need to consider.

The town of Liberty limits the audience size to fifty people and you bring your own chair. Those chairs can then be placed on the Xs on the large lawn for social distancing because, hey, CoVid is NOT over. Water is available for free and sodas and other drinks are available for purchase. There is a smoking section well away from the seating and even lawn games set up while you wait for the show to start. And if you think the latter is a little strange, let me assure you, they were being played.

The stage too, was well thought out. It sits high, so even the back row of a capacity audience in this concert style can see the band/solo musicians well.

There's even a porta-potty with strict instructions to use the hand sanitizers provided BEFORE and AFTER using it (and members of the audience reminding the users of these instructions as they reach for the latch!)

The organization of this is no easy task and speak for experience. And don't be put off by the price of the ticket. It pays for the musicians you love and includes a substantial meal catered by a local business. It's a win-win all around. I highly recommend this.

Stay well, stay safe, and if it makes you comfortable.....stay masked
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Governor Cuomo Announces Second Phase of \$40 Million Global Campaign to Support Revival of NYS Tourism Industry

- *Two New Spots Featuring World-Class Upstate New York Attractions to Air on Broadcast TV, Streaming Services and Online; Ads to Run Through the Summer*
- *Post-Pandemic Campaign Invites Domestic and International Visitors to "Come Be A Part of It"*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of two new spots as the second phase of New York's \$40 million campaign to support the revival of the state's tourism industry. The new spots feature world-class attractions from regions across the state, showing the breadth and variety New York has to offer. The campaign will run throughout the state as well as neighboring drive markets on broadcast TV, streaming services and online. These spots will run through the summer as part of a year-long statewide effort to increase tourism.

"We're bringing New York back, defeating COVID-19 by getting more shots in arms every single day, and it's time to promote all the state has to offer to get tourism dollars flowing again," Governor Cuomo said. "These two new spots are the latest part of our \$40 million campaign to foster tourism and economic development opportunities throughout the state, and they'll focus on the assets of beautiful Upstate New York. We're promoting our state to visitors across different markets and state borders, and I look forward to seeing New York State rebuild its economy from this terrible pandemic and move into the future."

By highlighting popular outdoor destinations as the state reopens, this campaign will help spur the revival of the state's tourism industry and further the rebuilding of the economy. The new summer spots focus on a variety of seasonal and outdoor attractions beyond New York City. Favorites like The Great New York State Fair, Cooper's Beach, and renowned craft beverage destination Brewery Ommegang feature prominently, along with historic Boldt Castle and Saratoga Race Course. The ads also highlight some of the state's world-class outdoor attractions, like the Wild Center in the North Country, Storm King Art Center in the Hudson Valley, and the Lake Placid Cliffside Mountain Coaster. Letchworth State Park, Niagara Falls State Park and Watkins Glen State Park are also included, which offer visitors unparalleled views and endless recreation opportunities.

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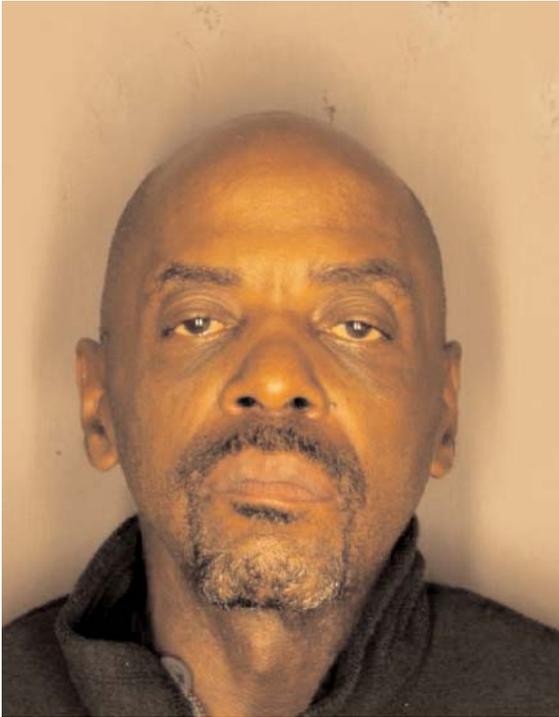
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Galligan Announces Conviction of Cedric Clarkson for November 2020 Murder of Jailyn Flecha

Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that Cedric Clarkson, 50, of Liberty, has been convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, by his guilty plea before the



Sullivan County Court. Clarkson admitted that, on the night of November 29, 2020, at 40 Liberty Street in the Village of Liberty, he intentionally killed Jailyn Flecha, with whom he had children in common, by fatally striking her with a weapon. Flecha was 30 years old.

At sentencing, scheduled for July 29, the District Attorney will join the family of Flecha in recommending that Clarkson be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison, the maximum sentence allowed by law. County Court Judge Jim Farrell has committed to sentence Clarkson to no less than 20 years to life in prison. As part of his guilty plea on May 28, Clarkson waived his right to challenge his conviction on appeal.

District Attorney Galligan said, "The loss of Jailyn to her children, family and loved ones will live on forever. While no sentence can make up for the loss our community has suffered at this defendant's hands, we hope this conviction can bring some measure of closure to Jailyn's family." Galligan praised the work of the Village of Liberty Police Department, which was assisted by members of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police Forensic Identification Unit, and members of her Office, saying, "The work of the police on this case led to an arrest within hours of Clarkson's commission of this offense, with evidence providing beyond a reasonable doubt that this defendant is guilty of Jailyn's murder."

Galligan further noted that cases like these highlight the important work of her Office's Crime Victim Advocate. The District Attorney's Office was represented by Executive Assistant District Attorney Steve Goldberg at the plea.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Fellow Ulster County Democrat,

Our candidates, elected officials, and leaders have been celebrating Pride Month around the County. We hope you too will be taking the time this month to think about the advances made and work still needed to be done for our LGBTQ+ community.

In addition to PRIDE, Democrats in some parts of Ulster County will be casting their votes in primary contests for local office. Tuesday, June 22 is Democratic Primary Election Day in several wards of the City of Kingston, as well as in the Towns of Gardiner, Marbletown, Rochester, Saugerties, and Woodstock.

Early voting began Saturday, June 12 and continues through Sunday, June 20.

The Ulster County Democratic Committee has endorsed two candidates who are competing in the primary: John Schoonmaker, for County Legislator in District 2 (parts of Saugerties), and Legislator David Donaldson for District 6 (part of Kingston). Head to voteulster.com for all the information! See you at the polls!

-Ulster County Democratic Committee

ED Notes: Due to the nature of this letter from our local veterinary service, I feel that it contains important advice for all pet owners. This is not meant as an advertisement, but rather information you can apply, no matter what veterinary service you use. We personally had a problem with an internet pharmacy (flea colors) that caused our dogs to become ill. Fortunately, they recovered and are doing well as we took this advice many months ago. LC

Dear Clients,

Due to an increase in outside pharmacy mishaps and counterfeit products, we have made the decision to stop communicating directly with outside pharmacies. We can fill your prescription for home delivery through our own online pharmacy or you can come to the clinic and pick up a written prescription that can be delivered to your pharmacy of choice.

Going forward, whenever a request for a refill has been received (whether by online, fax, phone, or client request) once it has been approved by your veterinarian, the prescription will automatically be placed with our online pharmacy.

Our online pharmacy will automatically notify you when the prescription has been received. If you do not wish to fill your prescription through our online pharmacy, please email us at info@catskillvetservices.com and we will provide a written prescription for you to pick up from our clinic at your convenience. Written prescriptions will not be mailed.

What you NEED to know about Internet pharmacies:

At Catskill Veterinary Services, it is our mission to take every possible step to ensure that your pets receive the very best pharmaceutical products. This is especially important

with serious illnesses such as heartworm and tick-borne diseases. We also understand the desire to find products that are lower in cost. Several catalog and internet pharmacies presently sell these products at a cheaper price but, this cheaper price also comes with potential risks. We want you to be well-informed before making the important decision about where you buy your pet's medications.

There are multiple risks with internet pharmacies that you need to know:

1. Major veterinary drug companies maintain a strict policy of sales exclusively through licensed veterinarians. All other sales of drugs provided by these drug companies may be through NON-approved channels.
2. Pharmaceuticals manufactured for use in other countries have been illegally diverted and sold through discount online pharmacies in the US.
3. Discount online pharmacies have been cited by the FDA and state Boards of Pharmacy for violating procedures.
4. Counterfeit products exist and can be inadvertently purchased by unsuspecting buyers (ex: seresto collars)

Buying through your local veterinarian is a safer choice and better value:

1. Our products come with a manufacturer's guarantee
 2. Our products can be picked up directly or shipped to your home
 3. We offer auto-ship and automatic refill reminders
- If you still prefer to use an online or outside pharmacy, we write prescriptions according to the following guidelines:
1. You must pick up the written prescription in person. Written prescriptions will not be mailed.
 2. If the written prescription is lost or filled improperly by the outside pharmacy, additional copies will be provided to you with an administrative fee of \$10.00.
 3. To avoid any potential doctor-patient confidentiality issues, we do not communicate with the outside pharmacy in any form or fashion. We do not send faxes, return faxes or accept their phone calls.
 4. It is your responsibility to ensure that the prescription is sent, filled, labeled, shipped and used correctly.
 5. We will not become involved in any product failure issues for products purchased through these pharmacies.
 6. If you change your mind after we have written a prescription for you, we will be unable to fill the prescription through our hospital until you return the original prescription to us.

Reminders:

- Please be conscientiousness of how many doses you have left of any medications
- Please allow up to 3 business days for any prescription refills or requests

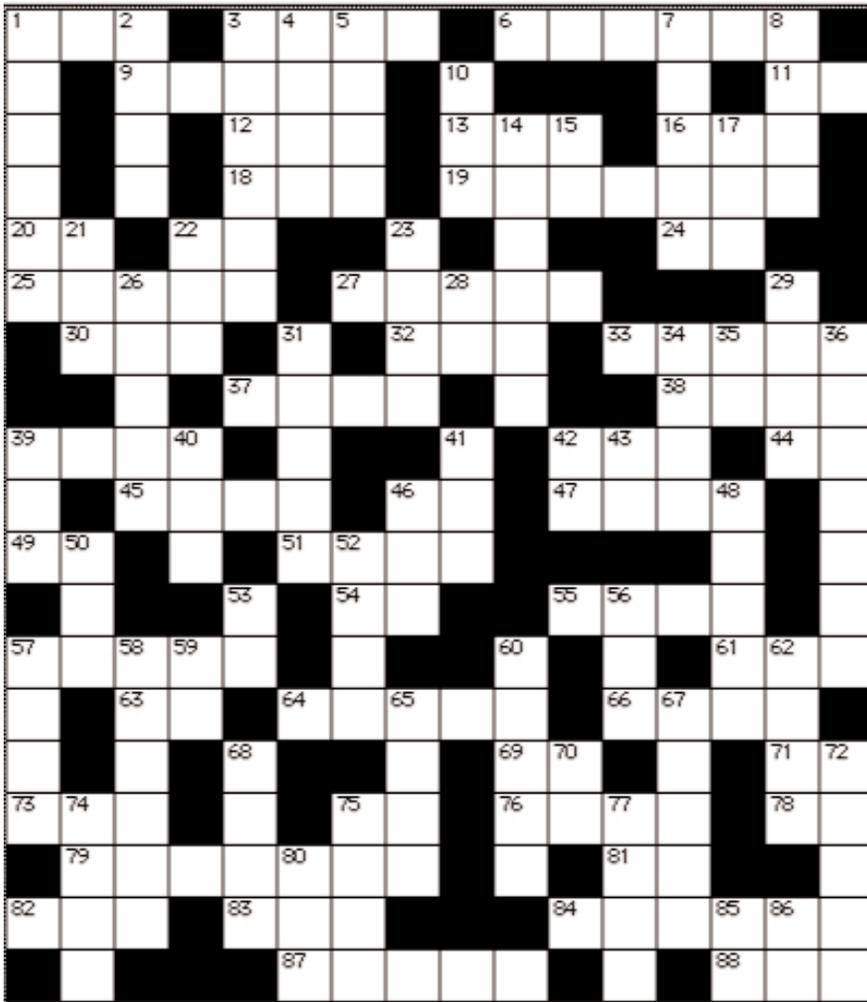
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The Doctors & Staff at Catskill Veterinary Services

The Wisdom of Dad - L. Comando



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 9 Manager
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 12 Used to refer to something
 13 Unpleasant noise
 16 National Rifle Association
 18 Female chicken
 19 More intelligent
 20 That thing
 22 Physical Education
 24 Election District
 25 Serve
 27 Comprehensible
 30 Fastener
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 33 Small water vessels

37 Rugged cliff
 38 Small container
 39 Local wild hoofed grazing animal
 42 Busy insect
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more knowledge
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 71 Transcendental Meditation
 73 Who we will honor on Sunday
 75 Endearing term for 'dad'
 76 Small barrels
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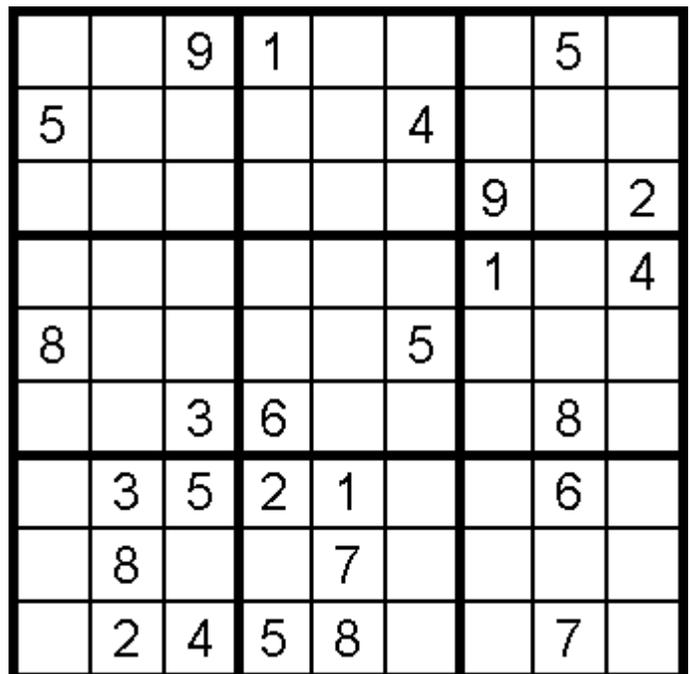
BBQ Shrimp Scampi for Father's Day

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ground black pepper to taste
- crushed red pepper flakes to taste (optional)
- 1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

In a large, non-reactive bowl, stir together the olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, garlic, and black pepper. Season with crushed red pepper, if desired. Add shrimp, and toss to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat grill for high heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard any remaining marinade.

Lightly oil grill grate. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.



Answer on page 23

Cryptogram

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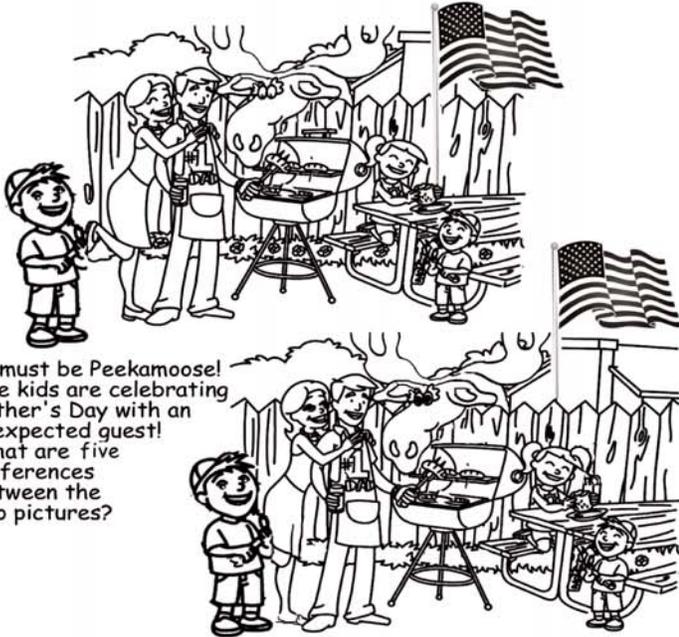
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-Anne Geddes



It must be Peekamoose!
The kids are celebrating
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What are five
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two pictures?

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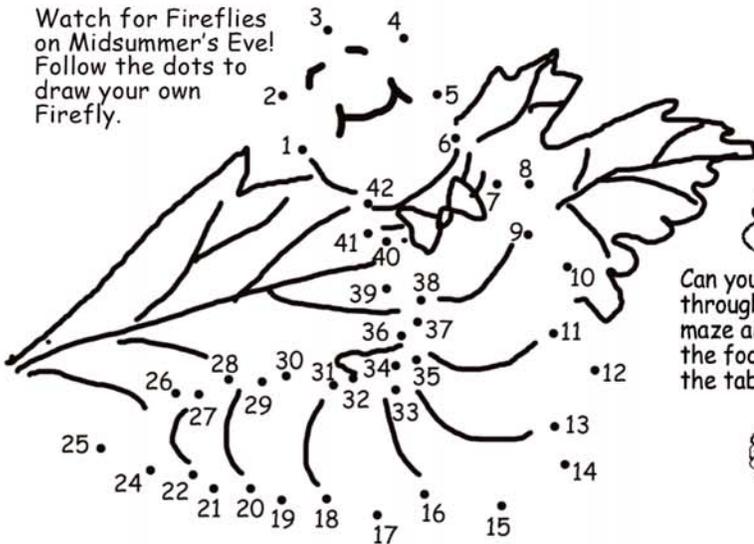
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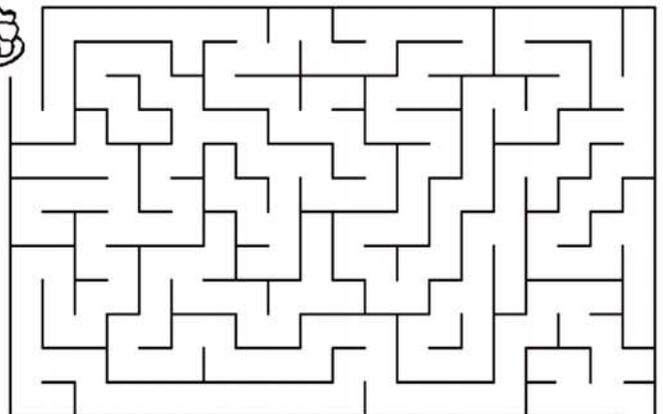
MIDSUMMER?

Kids' Summer Fun Page - L. Comando

Watch for Fireflies
on Midsummer's Eve!
Follow the dots to
draw your own
Firefly.



Can you get
through the
maze and bring
the food to
the table?



Cryptogram Key

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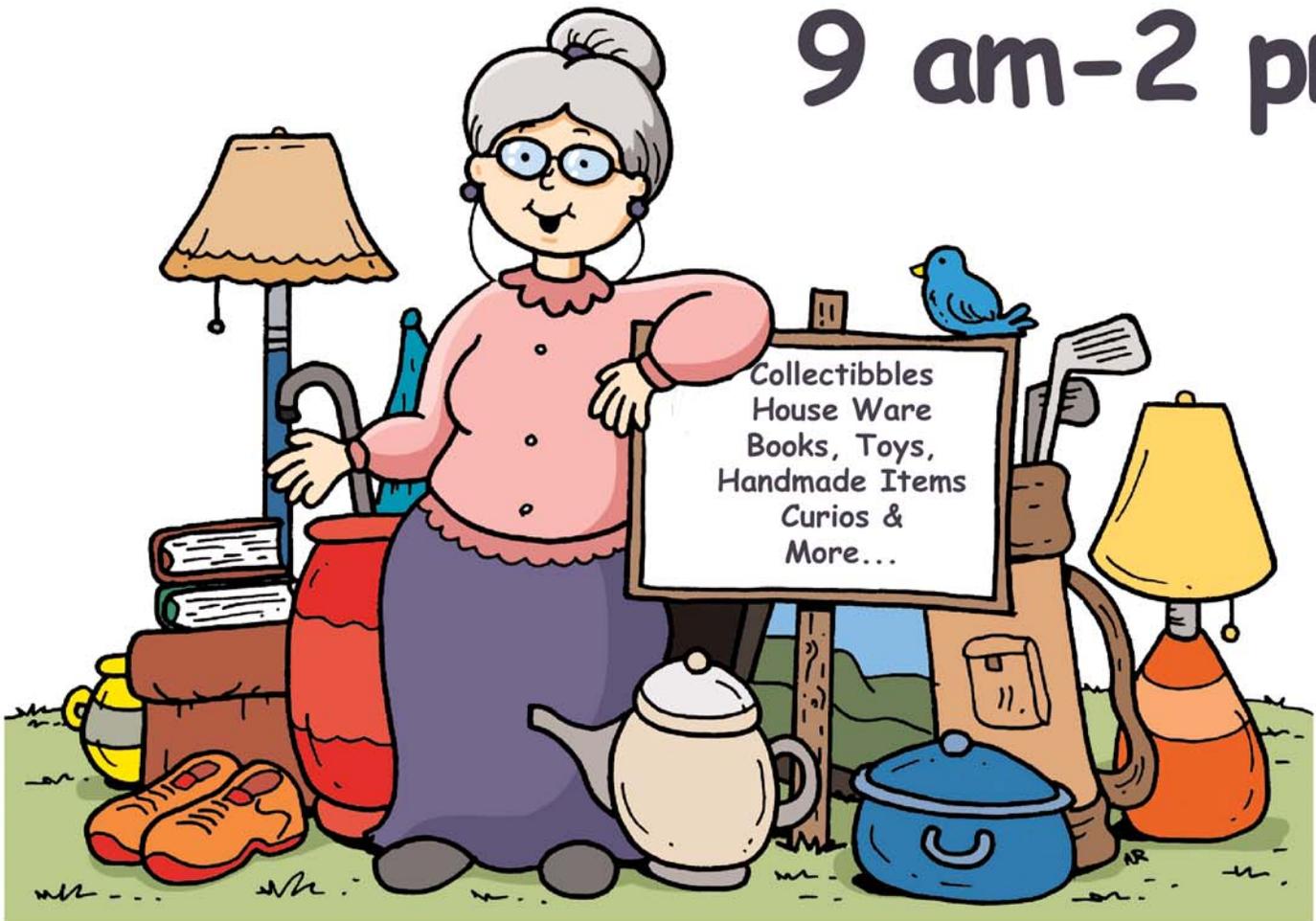


Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

Friday, June 18 & Saturday, June 19

Friday, June 25 & Saturday, June 26

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This Week's Message from Congresswoman Claudia Tenney

Listening Sessions for Veterans

An Important Notice to all veterans: The VA continues to host listening sessions for veterans across America to share their experiences with the VA healthcare system. If you or someone you know are interested in attending an upcoming session, click the link here to learn more and register.

Supporting New York's Civil Air Patrol

New York's Civil Air Patrol plays an important role in supporting emergency operations in our community and across the nation. It was an honor to join them in flight for an emergency response simulation. This week's training session was an opportunity to see the Civil Air Patrol's expertise and resolve first-hand.

The NY Civil Air Patrol stands ready to respond and offer their support at a moment's notice. Whether assisting in the aftermath of a hurricane or providing supplies to a disaster-impacted area, the Civil Air Patrol is always there. The Civil Air Patrol's cadet program also gives young people such a unique opportunity to learn about emergency response and aeronautics, which many build on to pursue outstanding careers in the military and aerospace. I am committed to supporting their efforts in Congress and across New York.

Supporting Local Small Businesses

I am continuing to meet with small businesses around New York's 22nd Congressional District as part of my Small Business Outreach Tour. This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with members of the Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce to discuss solutions that will support our small business recovery efforts. I'm committed to finding bipartisan, targeted policies to ensure small businesses have the necessary tools and resources to come out of the pandemic stronger.

NYS DEC Regulations and Proposed Changes *190.35 Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor*

The rule will address overuse and protect public health, safety, general welfare and natural resources on the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor by implementing a permit system from May 15th through September 15th of each year while still providing a quality outdoor experience for users.

Public comment period deadline - August 1, 2021

More information go to:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2359.html>

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings Thursday, June 17, 2021

Anticipated Proposed Executive Session
at 6:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Upper Level

Regular Meeting #25 at 7:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Lower Level

At their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021, the Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education approved their Board Meetings Schedule for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

These dates are subject to change.

Sullivan County ROAD CLOSURES

North Branch, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **Town Highway 37 (Peters Road), in the Town of Fremont**, to replace County Bridge 431. The bridge is located approximately 1.6 miles north of the intersection of County Road 121 (North Branch Road) and Pleasant Valley Rd.

This section of Peters Rd. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting at 8 a.m. on April 19, 2021, and will remain closed for approximately 8 weeks.

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **Town Highway 17 (DeWitt Flats Road), in the Town of Callicoon**, to replace County Bridge 241.

County Bridge 241 is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the intersection of State Route 52 and DeWitt Flats Rd and will be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. on June 1, 2021, remaining closed for approximately 4 months.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a detour route using DeWitt Flats Rd, State Route 52, Briscoe Rd. (CR 144), Huff Rd., Hubert Rd. and East Hill Rd.

June 15, 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We need YOU, registered Republican or Conservative voters, to vote for Keri-Ann Poley for Neversink Town Justice Candidate on Tuesday, June 22, 6 AM til 9 PM at the Neversink Town Hall. All Neversink voters will vote in this primary election at the Town Hall.

Even though Keri received the **unanimous endorsement** of the Neversink Republican and Conservative Committees, she is in a primary to be the candidate in November.

Keri-Ann Poley has the knowledge, experience, and personal characteristics to be an outstanding Town Justice for Neversink.

- *Education: Associate degree in paralegal studies
Bachelor's degree in socio-legal studies
- *Experience: Court clerk in Liberty Justice Court
Extensive freelance work (20 Years) as paralegal
- *Community: Totally invested in our small town; life resident,
dedicated volunteer and school board member
and President
- *Personal: Excellent listener who makes logical and caring
decisions

Remember: If you do not vote for her on June 22nd, she will not be on the ballot in November!

We wholeheartedly, enthusiastically and unequivocally are voting for Keri-Ann Poley and urge you to join us!

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SCVA Weekly Letter:

“... I don't know a son of a gun who wouldn't be willing to run to see a parade come marching down the line.”

Harry Richman recorded the little ditty “I Love a Parade” on August 15, 1932, in New York and we're singing it out loud as we get ready for a signature Sullivan Catskills event this weekend. When you hear the fire whistle blow at noon in Callicoon that means it's time for the 25th Annual Callicoon Tractor Parade. The fun begins on Lower Main Street and continues at the Delaware Valley Youth Center with a pulled pork BBQ. Get a collector Tractor Parade T-Shirt. Take a selfie in front of a tractor. Buy a River Run Raffle ticket. Masks are required at the Youth Center. If you'd rather be part of the action, the Tri-State New York Spartan Race gets groovy this weekend at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. It's a 5-kilometer, 20 obstacle race that promises to change your life. Better hurry... there's only a few registrations left!

Over in Roscoe on Saturday the Roscoe Beer Company holds its 6th Annual BBQ and Brews. A day of delicious BBQ & award-winning craft beer, all while enjoying spacious outdoor dining and live music with our friends Far Beyond Gone! Also on Saturday The Narrowsburg Union features a new art exhibit opening: A New Lens on the Counterculture: Photographs by Mark Goff. This free event runs from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. There's just so much happening this weekend- and all summer long for that matter. Be sure to check our website and Facebook page, often!

Know what else is happening?

We just launched our Sullivan Catskills Shop!

Now, you can take your beloved Sullivan Catskills with you wherever you go. SullivanCatskillsShop features tees, hoodies, sweatshirts, mugs, honey, maple syrup, coffee and more for you, your family and friends.

Check it Out! <https://sullivancatskillshop.com/>

You know we can't wait to see you. So, if you haven't already booked your visit or aren't quite sure what kind of accommodations you want I suggest you spend some time on our site. Consider who's coming with you, the kinds of things you're interested in doing, and how close you want to be to the activities you're interested in. Suffice it to say, whether you want to chill and be still, need a home base for a few days, or you want to be near one of our bustling small towns, we have something for everyone.

As I'm sure you're aware, New York State is following the CDC guidelines, relaxing many COVID mandates and lifting capacity restrictions. As we continue this transition please be mindful of others and adhere to masking requests in our Sullivan Catskills. All of our proprietors remain committed to maintaining Catskill Confidence for you!

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If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

Good News!
St. Mark's
UM Church
 68 Clinton St.
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Thrift Shop
 and
Clothing Sale
 Will be opened
 every Friday
 from 10 - 3



Sundown United Methodist Church
Indoor Thrift Sale & Yard Sale
 June 18 & 19
 June 25 & June 26
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 Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
 Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
 (845) 434-7643



Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
 Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R21JYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
 Dial by your location
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church
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 Worship Service 9:30 am
 P O Box 238 - Route 55
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church
 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am
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 Call - 845-985-2041 for information



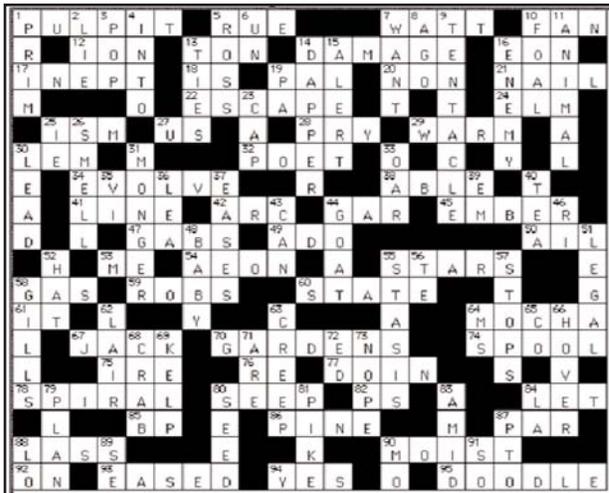
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 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.

Ans to last week's Crossword



All Aboard!
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 answer

3	4	9	1	6	2	8	5	7
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7	3	5	2	1	9	4	6	8
6	8	1	4	7	3	5	2	9
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Vacation bible School July 14 6:30-8

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 in conjunction with the
 Grahamsviile United Methodist Church
 will hold Vacation Bible School at the
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds under the pavilion.
 Rain date – same time – July 15th.

Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes *Callicoon Town Hall* 19 Legion Street Jeffersonville, New York 12748

Community Driver Safety Programs will be offering two Defensive Driving Classes this summer. The first class will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and the second class will be offered on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Both classes will be take place from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the Callicoon Town Hall located at 19 Legion Street in Jeffersonville, New York. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc. at (845)807-6005 to register for a class or to obtain further details.

Courses are instructed by a RSVP volunteer and consist of lecture, discussion and video presentation. Participants will receive a certificate at the completion of the course which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program can help reduce your auto insurance by up to 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee for the course is \$25 for individuals over 50 years of age and \$30 for individuals under 50 years of age.

These courses are sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., Sullivan County RSVP and Office for the Aging.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/15/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 6/1/2021
6/17/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/5/21	Town of Neversink Holiday - 4th of July
7/6//21	Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
7/7/21	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 6/23/21)
7/20/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 7/6/2021
7/13/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
7/14/21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
7/20/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 7/6/2021

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

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

Ulster County Legislature

June 14 - June 18, 2021

Monday, June 14

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode: 948888, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 921 1004 5557, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 995 2964 7493, Passcode: 763694, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM (or immediately following the Laws & Rules Committee) Caucus: Democrats, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 925 5936 9860, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, June 15

The following meetings are available via vimeo livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203> Public Comment is administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

- o 5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee (Livestream only)
- o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing: As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts
- o 7:05 PM - Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 2, A Local Law Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Subcontractors That Provide Services To Ulster County
- o 7:10 PM - Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law No. 1, A Local Law Amending Various Provisions Of Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators
- o 7:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearings) - Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 16

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Thursday, June 17

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

Friday, June 18

- o No Meetings

Sullivan 180's 2nd Annual Coach to 5K Virtual Walk/Run

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Sullivan 180's Coach to 5K, a virtual walk/run race and 8-week training program, open to all Sullivan County residents. Our Coach to 5K program provides all participants with their very own Coach and an 8-week 5K training plan for both runners and walkers.

All are welcome to participate, whether you are a beginner, a veteran runner, a worksite, or a family that would like to walk their first 5K together, this event is for you. This is a great time to get our community moving again! After the 8-week training period ends, you will have a full week (Sunday, August 29 - Saturday, September 4) to complete your 5K - whenever, wherever you'd like, and share your achievements with us on social media.

There is a suggested donation/registration fee, and we are accepting additional donations. One hundred percent of the registration fee and funds raised will go to Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT)*. If you cannot afford the suggested donation/registration fee, there is a free option you can choose and still participate.

*Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) is a diverse partnership of agencies and community resources committed to working together to improve the quality of life for the residents of Sullivan County. To learn more please visit SALT's website, www.SaltCares.com.

How It Works

Choose your donation/registration level to support SALT.

Choose a Coach, or create your own team, or participate solo.

Invite friends and family to participate.

Begin your 8-week training on July 4th.

Tag us using the hashtag #S180Coachtto5K in your photos and training updates on Facebook (@sullivan180inc) and Instagram (@sullivan_180).

Map your race route with the help of your Coach.

Complete your 5K walk/run the week of August 29th - September 4th.

Celebrate your achievements with us on social media!

Coaches Needed!

Interested in signing up as a Coach or for a Coaching Info Session? Looking to start your own team? Need more information?

Email Meaghan, mmullally-gorr@sullivan180.org or for more information.

Click the "Sign me up!" button below to Register Now:

Sign me up! <https://raceroster.com/events/2021/48647/sullivan-180s-coach-to-5k>

Sullivan 180 Hosting Covid Vigil & Walk

Join us as we remember those lost to COVID-19 [FERNDAL] - Sullivan 180 is hosting a COVID-19 vigil and walk to remember those lost to the pandemic. The vigil and walk will be at Sullivan County Government Center (100 North Street in Monticello) on Wednesday, June 23rd at 8:00 p.m.

Luminaries will be lit around the Government Center and will represent the number of Sullivan County lives lost to COVID-19. Family members of those who have passed are invited to bring pictures or flowers to lay by a luminary in their loved one's honor. COVID-19 Survivors are also invited to come and tie a provided red ribbon to a luminary to send strength to an angel and their family.

No registration is necessary, all are welcome to join. For more information, please email Sullivan 180 at info@sullivan180.org.

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English for New Learners' Annual Expo of Student Work

With the arrival of June, the English as a New Language (ENL) teachers at Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) showcase the creative work performed by students throughout the district with an event for parents and families. Because of the pandemic last year, the program was not scheduled. On the evening of June 11, 2021, the celebration resumed to the delight of the staff, the children and the families. This is a special opportunity for the families to speak with school staff and to receive information on the importance of literacy in English and Spanish.



Shaded from the bright summer sky under the entrance alcove to Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, the entire ENL staff, Migrant Education support services staff and Pupil Personnel services staff from both school buildings showered the children with refreshments, prizes and gifts.

In the past events, the children's art work and special projects were displayed on the walls

and tables in the school Cafeteria. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, the festivities were held in the open air. Organizers from ENL created a wonderful slide show to present the student work for the family to feel their pride and to congratulate the children.

Roving reporter and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz, with his new hand-held mini video camera, interviewed individual parents, families and staff. Hopefully the new equipment worked well and the ENL will have a copy to enjoy and share with the students.



Families enjoyed pizza, soft drinks, and other snacks provided by the hosts. A special thank you to Stewart's Shops for their generous donations of ice cream cone certificates to each of the children. The organizers also provided Fallsburg t-shirts and face masks. Prize bags were raffled off to families.

The enthusiasm for this annual event is always at a high level. The families place a high value on education and on learning English as a new language. This event allows them to acknowledge the teachers at FCSD and the Migrant Education Program for the great work they do and for the love they put out for their children. Hopefully, next year all the work will be taught inside the school buildings, and output of that work will be displayed on the building walls of the BCES Cafeteria.





Joerg Madlener Prepares for Third Exhibition

in Bunker o2 in Saerbeck Germany. The Klimakommune Saerbeck 2011 has transformed 57 cold war bunker into solar energy bearers.

War energy was transformed into Peace energy and one bunker houses art.

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New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

DO I QUALIFY?

Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

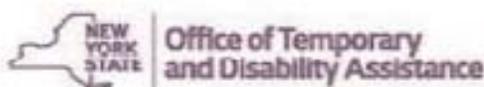
HOW DOES IT WORK?

This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

Applications can be submitted
online beginning

June 1

For more information, visit otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)



Great Blue Heron Hits Powerline



Volunteer Jason Ramey, ECO DuChene, Volunteer Jeff Rossi, and Head Keeper Melissa Gillmer after a successful great blue heron rescue.

On May 22, ECO DuChene responded to reports of an injured Great Blue Heron in the Town of Chester.

When she arrived, Officer DuChene met with the head keeper and park supervisor for Trilside Museums and Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park to develop a plan. With help from volunteers, Officer DuChene and the other responders successfully captured the injured Blue Heron and transported it to Missy Runyan and her staff at the Friends of the Feathered and Furry



Great blue heron X-Ray of a fractured radius / ulna



Great blue heron with bandaged wing awaiting surgery

Wildlife Center in Hunter. The medical staff determined the bird likely fractured its radius and ulna after striking a powerline while in flight. After required surgeries, the Great Blue Heron is making a speedy recovery and will eventually be released back to its natural habitat in Chester.

Goose Rescue in Roscoe



On May 30, fishermen contacted ECO Grose reporting an injured Canada Goose at Junction Pool in Roscoe. They located the goose, which appeared to have a broken wing, on the bank of the stream. ECO Grose captured it and transported it to a local wildlife rehabilitator.

Sportsmen's Federation Youth Expo in Ulster County



ECOs Johnson and Walraven at the Ulster County Sportsmen's Federation Youth Expo

On June 6, ECOs Walraven and Johnson participated in the Ulster County Sportsmen's Federation Youth Expo at Lippman Park in the town of Wawarsing. ECO Walraven and Johnson fielded questions from the public regarding hunting, fishing, and boating regulations. The Federation held a raffle, provided lunch to all attendees, and offered fishing, archery, and marksmanship demonstrations.

Solid Waste Investigation Leads to Illegal Deer Bust in Ulster County

On May 26, ECO Walraven successfully completed the prosecution of an illegal deer case that occurred in the town of Marletown during the 2020 deer season. While investigating a separate solid waste case, ECO Walraven observed several bucks hanging in a shed on the property. He interviewed the 42-year-old hunter who killed the deer and discovered that the hunter took one of the bucks with a crossbow without a valid muzzle-loader privilege, as required, during the southern zone early bow season. He took the second spike-horn buck in a Wildlife Management Unit under antler restrictions. The man was fined and ordered to pay penalties of \$827.50 in the Town of Marletown Court.



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The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



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For more information call Frank at 845-254-4238 or cheifrun@aol.com

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Ulster County has Earned Silver-level Recertification, the Highest Level of Recognition, in the DEC's Climate Smart Communities Program

As a Certified 'Climate Smart' community, Ulster County is a model for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building local climate resilience

In April, Ulster County became the first County in New York State and among the first in the nation to release a comprehensive Green New Deal plan

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County has renewed its Silver-level certification in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) Climate Smart Communities program, the highest level of recognition, which supports locally led efforts to meet the economic, social, and environmental challenges posed by climate change. Coming only a few weeks after Ulster County became the first County in New York State and among the first in the nation to release a comprehensive Green New Deal plan, the recertification is yet another recognition of Ulster County's leadership in climate action and environmental protection in the state.

"I am tremendously proud that Ulster County is once again being recognized as statewide leaders in taking climate action and making smart investments to protect our environment," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As part of our Green New Deal for Ulster County, we will continue to lay the foundations for a green, equitable economy while doing the work to undo generations of economic and environmental injustices."

"Municipal leadership in the fight against climate change creates a more sustainable future that benefits residents and businesses alike and strong community engagement creates a compelling wave of participation that inspires more residents to embrace cleaner, greener energy and transportation options," NYSERDA Acting President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said. "As part of the State's clean energy and climate plan, our collaborative efforts are spurring long-term change that provides New Yorkers with options to lower their carbon footprint in the heart of where they live and work each day."

Ulster County was the first County in New York State to achieve certification in the Climate Smart Communities program and is one of only three Counties in the State that have achieved Silver-level certification. Recertification is required every 5 years.

The certification program was launched by the Department of Environmental Conservation in 2014 to document and celebrate the accomplishments of communities taking climate action. There are now 70 certified Climate Smart Communities in New York State. To be certified, communities must demonstrate an active climate change task force that includes residents and municipal representatives. Most certified communities complete greenhouse gas inventories that calculate emissions at the local level and help local leaders identify how best to help New York State meet its ambitious greenhouse gas reductions.

Ulster County completed 53 actions to earn a total of 343 points. Some highlights from the recertification effort include the following actions:

- Government Operations GHG Inventory and Climate Action Plan: Ulster County published its Government Operations Climate Action Plan and GHG inventory in 2019. This plan serves as a guide for reducing GHG emissions within County government operations. Read the plan here: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/environment/climate-action-plan>

- Reduce GHGs from Government Facilities: Between 2012 and 2020, Ulster County achieved a 24.7% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from government facilities.

- Alternative-fuel Infrastructure: Ulster County currently owns and maintains twenty (20) publicly available Level 2 EV charging stations at County facilities. These stations support the County vehicle fleet but are also available to the public.

- Ulster County is continuing its climate action efforts through its Green New Deal plan which lays out an ambitious agenda across three areas:

- Accelerating the transition to clean energy

- Building the equitable green economy

- Conserving our natural resources and building our resilience

Learn more here: <https://gnd.ulstercountyny.gov/>

You can get involved in Ulster County's Green New Deal by subscribing to community solar through the Solarize Ulster campaign-available here: <https://solarizeulster.org>

Assemblymember Cahill Announces 2021 Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge

(Kingston, NY) - As we approach the end of an historic school year it is once again time for the Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge. Sponsored by Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) and in conjunction with area libraries, this program encourages children of all ages to occupy their mind and body away from school.

"The Summer Reading Program is the most anticipated event hosted by my office each year. Readers, parents and community organizations are eager to come together and celebrate a season of imagination and learning. In the coming week my staff will be traveling to our local schools and libraries to distribute brochures to students and their families. While reading and exercising, our office will also be curating a unique collection of goodies contributed by local businesses and organizations for awardees to keep after attending our in-person ceremony," said Cahill.

"Being a part of the Assemblyman's program is really awesome. It's like being part of a book club to discuss what we read to all our friends and family," said Patti Munoz, whose children La'Myah, Destiny and Jrue have participated for six years.

The theme for the 2021 program is "Tails and Tales," encouraging readers to learn about wild animals and their habitats. Those who read for 30 minutes and exercise for 15 minutes for 40 days during the months of July and August will be invited to attend a ceremony in the fall recognizing their achievement and receive a certificate from the New York State Assembly, a new book selected through Kingston Children's Library along with donations from local businesses and vouchers for area attractions.

Summer Reading Calendars can be downloaded at:

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill/story/97403>

or you can call the office of Assemblymember Cahill at 845-338-9610 should a printer not be available to you.

Cuomo Announces UC Fairgrounds Mass Vaccination Site to Transition to SUNY Ulster Campus

Fairgrounds Site to Continue Offering Single-Shot Vaccines and Second Doses from June 9 to June 29

SUNY Ulster Site to Accept Appointments and Walk-ins Beginning June 9

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the State's Ulster County Fairgrounds mass vaccination site will begin to transition operations to a mobile vaccination trailer at the SUNY Ulster campus parking lot effective Wednesday, June 9. New first-dose appointments will be available at the new SUNY Ulster location starting tomorrow and all current appointments for second doses will be honored at the original location at the Fairgrounds.

"We continue to urge all New Yorkers who haven't been vaccinated to make an appointment or walk into a site, and easy access is critical to getting the remaining shots in arms," Governor Cuomo said. "We're opening a new site at SUNY Ulster while continuing to offer single-shot vaccines and second doses at the current Fairgrounds site. New York State is working to make the transition as seamless as possible for the public."

Current first-dose appointments are scheduled at the Fairgrounds site through June 8. From June 9 to June 29, no further first-dose appointments will be scheduled at the site, but it will continue to offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for walk-ins and will continue to administer second doses. First dose appointments will be available at the SUNY Ulster site beginning June 9. Walk-ins will also be accepted at both locations, as they are at all state-run mass vaccination sites. After June 29, the Fairgrounds site will close.

SC Crosses 30,000 Mark in Total Population Vaccinated

Liberty, NY - Public Health Director Nancy McGraw is pleased to announce that Sullivan County and partners have vaccinated 30,000 people against COVID-19 as of this week, with more being added daily.

"Our population is just under 76,000, and when you remove those less than 12 years old and thus unable to receive a vaccine dose, approximately 60% of our residents have fully completed their vaccinations," McGraw noted. "And there are close to 5,000 more who are on their way to joining them in ensuring our communities are safe from this highly contagious virus."

Most of New York State is seeing similar success in vaccination efforts, with Governor Andrew Cuomo announcing this week that the State will fully reopen when 70% of its population has been vaccinated.

"We're doing our part to push past this pandemic and welcome a return to normalcy," McGraw affirmed. "I encourage everyone who might be hesitant or concerned to contact Public Health or their own physician to get the facts about these safe and effective vaccines, so that we all can abandon the masks, the fear and the many negative impacts of COVID-19 as soon as possible."

"We've crossed the 50% threshold, which is significant, but we're not done yet," said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, who chairs the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "The goal is to get all of us protected against this virus, especially the new, more virulent strains. The science proves that vaccinated people are better protected."

"I want to thank my staff and our collaborators for the outstanding job they've done to reach this point, because it certainly hasn't

been easy," McGraw pointed out. "They've put in the hours, the effort and the compassion for their neighbors, friends and family, and I am forever grateful to have them on our team."

UC Executive Ryan Announces New Initiative to Offer In-Home Vaccine Delivery Service

Ulster County residents can sign up for in-home vaccination, and a mobile vaccine team will come directly to their home to administer the COVID-19 vaccine

Ulster County will be among the first in the state to offer this service which aims to make COVID-19 vaccines accessible and available to those most in need

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the County is rolling out an initiative to vaccinate residents in their homes. Interested residents can either complete an online form or call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center to sign up. The form, which can be found here, can be filled out by any eligible individual that would like to participate in this in-home vaccination program. This is part of the County's efforts to ensure the vaccine is as accessible as possible to all residents, especially those who are homebound or may have challenges traveling to walk-in clinics. "While we have made major gains in our vaccination progress, we still have a ways to go and ensuring that we can vaccinate all of our residents in a safe, rapid, and equitable manner remains our top priority," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "If you are not able to come to us, we will come to you. We want to make getting vaccinated as easy as possible through offering in-home vaccinations. I encourage anyone who has not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible."

For more information and questions, please visit our Ulster County COVID-19 Website, or call the Recovery Service Center at 845-443-8888.

Sullivan 180 Offering Suicide Prevention Training for Law Enforcement and Emergency Service Professionals

Become Trained in Suicide Prevention

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180 is offering a virtual training in suicide prevention, specifically designed for law enforcement and emergency service professionals. The participants will be trained to be QPR Gatekeepers, teaching suicide prevention warning signs and QPR's three life-saving skills: Question, Persuade, and Refer.

Sullivan County has the highest suicide mortality rate in the Hudson Valley and this specially-focused training for law enforcement and emergency service professionals offers learning opportunities for those who are especially likely to come into contact with individuals who are in-crisis or suicidal. These situations are unique, with special groups and stressors which require special care and training tailored to the profession.

The 2-hour virtual training will take place on Monday, June 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. To register now, visit <https://forms.gle/nkzZVfDoM2edLyN7A> or email Sullivan 180 at info@sullivan180.org.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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.

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 battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 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!

A Possible Change in Venue for SC Legislature's Videos

Monticello, NY - Due to a vendor-supplied hardware issue, the Sullivan County Legislature's committee meetings being held tomorrow, June 10, 2021, might not be live-streamed in the usual location.

Those wishing to view the meetings as they are being conducted should first try the normal method at <http://sullivan-countyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>. (Note that meetings may not start exactly on time, so allow at least 5 minutes for a video link to appear.)

If no video link is able to be established, the County will Facebook Live the meetings at www.facebook.com/sullivan-countygov. The videos will be archived on both the County's Facebook page and its YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6KnDAiuQEnDNWO13Ev1sw>).

Gillibrand Calling For Funding For CDC Research and Surveillance And For The Department of Defense Tick-Borne Disease Research Program

Despite High Number Of Lyme Disease Cases In United States, Federal Investment In Research And Prevention Remains At Just \$191 Per Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called for \$12 million for the Department of Defense's Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) and additional funding for tick-borne disease research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). New York State has experienced an overwhelming increase of ticks, Lyme disease, and other tick-borne diseases with 92,577 cases of Lyme being reported over the last two decades. Despite the high number of vector-borne diseases in New York and across the country, the federal investment in research and prevention for these diseases remains low, with just \$191 spent per case of Lyme disease.

"New York is a hotspot for Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, and our communities have felt the impact of these diseases for years," said Senator Gillibrand. "New York has experienced 92,577 reported Lyme cases alone over the past two decades. Vector-borne diseases are a growing public health crisis, and it's critical we deliver funding for research, surveillance, prevention, and outbreak response to help us combat the often-devastating and life-altering impacts of these illnesses."

"When I became severely ill in 2010, it took ten doctors and multiple false negative test results before being diagnosed with Lyme disease and the co-infection babesia," said New York advocate and Project Lyme Executive Committee Chairman David Roth. "There are enormous gaps in our understanding of the pathology of these diseases and their treatment, and there is

a tremendous need for better diagnostic tests. I want to thank Senator Gillibrand for her leadership on this issue and for consistently fighting for increased funding for research of these diseases."

Senator Gillibrand's \$12 million request in appropriations funding for the Department of Defense's Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBDRP) would support innovative research that addresses fundamental issues and knowledge gaps related to tick-borne illnesses. Additional funding for the implementation of the Kay Hagan Tick Act would help states build a public health infrastructure for Lyme and other vector-borne diseases to support early detection and diagnosis, improve treatment, and raise awareness and fund the Centers of Excellence for Lyme and tick-borne disease leading the scientific response against tick-borne diseases. It also would help HHS to develop a national strategy for vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, in an effort to coordinate efforts among various government agencies. Senator Gillibrand is also committed to securing funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expand underfunded programs in the area of prevention to identify and validate prevention and control methods.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection carried by deer ticks, which can be transmitted through a bite to a human or animal. If left untreated, the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* travels through the bloodstream, manifests itself in body tissues, and causes mild or severe symptoms, depending on the case. Lyme disease begins as a rash at the location of the tick bite and then spreads to the nervous system, heart, and joints. Early diagnosis and antibiotic treatment are crucial to recovery, and appropriate antibiotic use in the early stages of Lyme disease typically results in a swift recovery. Untreated and undiagnosed Lyme disease can lead to debilitating effects on a person's health. Currently, there are at least 18 known infectious tick-borne pathogens, with 20 conditions and 13 illnesses resulting from tick bites. The United States has more than doubled the number of Lyme disease cases reported 15 years ago, nearing 500,000 cases and costing an estimated \$1.3 billion in direct medical costs annually. New York State remains the #1 target for tick-related disease in the United States. For more information on reported New York Lyme disease cases by county, click here.

Senator Gillibrand has long fought for federal funding for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of tick-borne diseases like Lyme disease, which have contributed to a major spike in cases across New York State. For the past several years, Gillibrand's tireless advocacy has delivered increased funding for Lyme and tick-borne disease research in the yearly government funding package, including \$16 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the 2021 bipartisan package. This funding amounts to a \$2 million increase over the previous year's level. After securing the Kay Hagan Tick Act in the 2019 yearly government funding package, she continued her fight to secure an additional \$5 million in funding to help New York and other states combat tick-related disease. She previously secured a \$2 billion increase in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, which could be used to expand and build upon existing NIH-funded Lyme disease research that is already occurring at New York institutions, such as Stony Brook, Columbia University, in the SUNY system, and at Hunter College.

DEC Announces Availability of \$225,000 for Hudson River Estuary Community Improvement Projects

Funding Available for Climate-Adaptive Design Phase II, Restoration of Watershed Connectivity and Improved Road Infrastructure

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that approximately \$225,000 is available to help communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed increase resiliency, conserve natural resources, and improve water quality. The funding is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the NEIWPC in partnership with DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program.

"Assisting flood-risk communities in their efforts to adapt to the changing climate and extreme weather events while protecting our natural resources is a priority for New York State," Commissioner Seggos said. "By partnering with local communities, environmental groups, and civic organizations, New York is significantly improving the environmental health of the Hudson River Estuary and this latest round of available funding will help more communities achieve our goals while boosting resilience."

Susan Sullivan, NEIWPC Executive Director said, "NEIWPC is pleased to be able to help Hudson River communities reduce localized flooding and protect against sea-level rise. These two RFPs will help restore habitat, improve infrastructure, and implement innovative climate-adaptive designs."

Two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are currently available:

Climate-Adaptive Design PHASE II

Approximately \$125,000 is available to design a project to reduce shoreline or stormwater risk in one or more of the following communities - the village of Catskill, city of Hudson, city of Kingston, or village and town of Ossining. Each of these communities participated in the Climate-Adaptive Design studio, a program that links Cornell University graduate and undergraduate students in landscape architecture with flood-risk Hudson Riverfront communities to explore nature-based design alternatives for climate resilient and connected waterfront areas.

Eligible projects must reduce risks from shoreline or stormwater flooding and erosion while enhancing habitat value, which may include options for strategic relocation, resilient waterfront structures and infrastructure, natural and nature-based shoreline design, and stormwater green infrastructure. Locations that received Climate-adaptive Design Phase II funding in 2019 are not eligible for this RFP and include Kingston Point in Kingston and the Village of Piermont.

The deadline for proposals is July 23, 2021, at 12 p.m. There will be an informational conference call via WebEx for interested applicants on June 30, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Restoration of Watershed Connectivity and Improved Road Infrastructure

Approximately \$100,000 is available to help municipalities document constrictions that cause flooding at culverts and bridges and are barriers to fish movement in Hudson tributary streams. The purpose of the grant is to develop municipal management plans and designs to improve inadequate

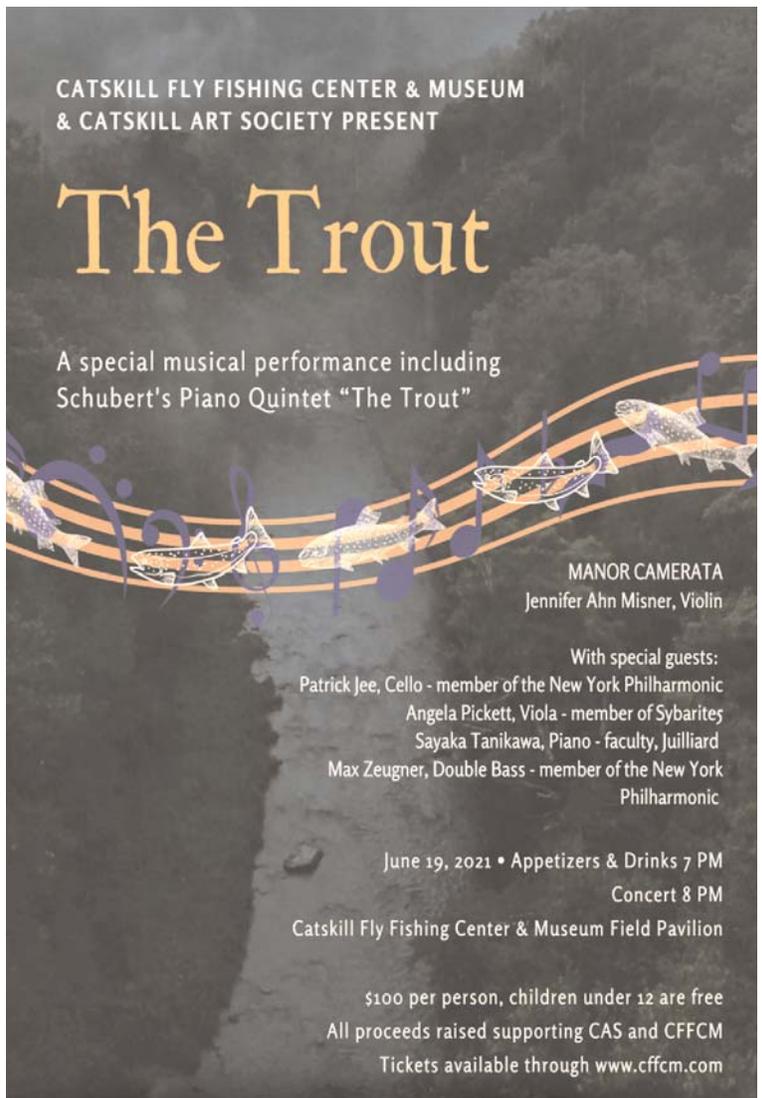
road-stream crossings through a regional approach that restores aquatic connectivity and reduces flood hazards in multiple municipalities.

The deadline for proposals is July 30, 2021, at 12 p.m. There will be an informational conference call via WebEx for interested applicants on June 30, 2021, at 11 a.m.

The "Restoration of Watershed Connectivity" and the "Climate-Adaptive Engineering" RFPs with instructions on how to apply are available on NEIWPC's website. General information about the RFPs can be found on the DEC website.

New York State is increasing investments for clean water infrastructure projects, including the State's unprecedented \$4 billion commitment to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to clean water. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo also recently announced \$3.5 million for Climate Leadership Coordinators, \$2.8 million to help municipalities add zero-emission vehicles to their fleets and to install ZEV infrastructure for public use, and \$11 million under the DEC Climate Smart Communities Grant program in support of local climate mitigation and adaptation projects.

The Hudson River Estuary Program helps people enjoy, protect, and revitalize the Hudson River and its valley. Created in 1987, the program focuses on the tidal Hudson and its adjacent watershed from the dam at Troy to the Verrazano Narrows in New York City.



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DEC Announces 2022 Training Academies Planned for New Classes of Environmental Conservation Police Officer and Forest Ranger Recruits

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that DEC will hold academies for its newest classes of Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Forest Rangers beginning in May 2022. The six-month training academies will prepare up to 60 of DEC's newest recruits for careers protecting New York's natural resources in the Divisions of Forest Protection and Law Enforcement.

"DEC's Forest Rangers and ECOs serve on the frontlines protecting New York's environment, natural resources, and our communities and I am thrilled to announce these new academies as we continue our efforts to cultivate the next generation of our police forces," Commissioner Seggos said. "Since 2015, I've worked hard to bolster ECO and Forest Ranger staffing levels, holding back-to-back academies in 2016 and 2017, and graduating our most recent class of recruits in 2019. With these new academies, we will ensure our forces are able to meet the challenges of tomorrow and continue the historic conservation legacy of these Divisions."

In 2022, the ECO training will be held at the Pulaski Academy, which has served as the home for these trainings for the last several academies. For the first time, the Forest Ranger training will be held at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) campus in the hamlet of Wanakena.

ECO job duties are centered on the 71 chapters of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and range from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and emissions violations. In 2020, ECOs and Investigators across the state responded to 29,673 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,952 tickets or arrests.

"ECOs are what we like to call the 'Thin Green Line' in charge of protecting New Yorkers from both pollution and exploitation," said DEC Division of Law Enforcement Director Bernard Rivers. "These Officers enforce clean air and water regulations, while at the same time supporting fish and wildlife laws. And when you hear about an environmental crime, you can rest assured it was our ECOs putting an end to it."

Forest Ranger duties focus on the public's use of DEC-administered State Lands and easements and can span from patrolling State properties to conducting search and rescue operations to fighting wildland fires. In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 492 search and rescue missions, extinguished 192 wildfires, participated in eight prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 203 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 3,131 tickets or arrests.

This summer, to help address the increase in the number of visitors to State Lands and the uptick in Search and Rescue missions, DEC is strategically deploying additional Rangers among key regions like the Adirondacks and Catskills. This adaptive plan supports DEC's comprehensive efforts to promote sustainable use and improve public safety on State lands.

"Our Forest Rangers patrol more than five million acres of land and can be counted on to go above and beyond the call of duty," said DEC Division of Forest Protection Director John

Solan. "Rangers are working across New York each and every day making sure the public can safely enjoy our great outdoors while also protecting the State's natural resources. And when other states need assistance to fight wildland fires, New York's Forest Rangers are always ready to respond."

ECOs and Forest Rangers are full-fledged New York State Police Officers, often called upon to support critical police deployments. Forest Rangers and ECOs were among the first responders on the scene to help in the aftermath of Sept. 11, assisted in the response to Superstorm Sandy, helped in the 2015 search for two escaped felons from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, supported New York's statewide response to COVID-19 at testing and vaccination sites, and have traveled to battle wildfires in western states.

ECOs, originally called Game Protectors, were first appointed for service in 1880. The first Forest Rangers, originally known as Fire Wardens, were put into service in 1885 when the New York State Legislature established the Forest Preserve of New York State.

The recruits in this newest class will be selected from an eligible list of qualifications and passing scores generated from the most recent Civil Service exam, which became active in April of 2020. To view job qualifications for ECOs, visit the Environmental Conservation Police Officer job description webpage; for Forest Rangers, visit the Forest Ranger job description webpage.

Upon graduation, recruits will be assigned patrol areas and join the ranks of hundreds of ECOs and Forest Rangers currently serving across the state.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Is Now Available

The program will provide rental assistance to eligible Ulster County households

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced that rent relief for tenants and landlords is available in Ulster County through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). This program makes up to \$2.7 billion in emergency rental assistance available to households that are behind on their rent and have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, that are at risk of homelessness or housing instability, and that earn at or below 80 percent of the area median income. The program also provides assistance with unpaid utility bills.

"No one in Ulster County should have to make the decision between putting food on the table or paying their rent," County Executive Ryan said. "COVID-19 has further exacerbated and amplified many housing concerns, including for our frontline workers who are working to serve and protect us all. I encourage people to apply for the ERAP and know that there are resources and assistance available to help."

"Residents of Ulster County and New Yorkers in every corner of the State were financially strained by the COVID-19 Pandemic," Ulster County Department of Social Services Commissioner, Michael A. Iapoce, Esq said. "ERAP will assist in providing the vital resources that many of our neighbors need to satisfy their rental obligations as we move towards a post-pandemic economy." (Contd. Pg. 37)

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(From Pg. 36) ERAP pays up to 12 months of past-due rent and, for some households, up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Payments will be made directly to landlords and utility providers.

Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income (varies by county and household size).

A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

The eviction moratorium is currently set to end August 31st, 2021. During the first 30 days, the ERAP program will prioritize the unemployed, those with income at or below 50 percent of area median income, and other vulnerable populations. After the first 30 days, applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as funds remain available. The Ulster County Department of Social Services (DSS) will be provided with regular reports on the number of applications by zip code in order to track the need and assistance available in our municipalities.

People who are considering proceeding with an application should expect to provide some or all of the following: W-9 tax forms; Executed lease; Documentation of rent due; Banking information for direct deposit payment; Landlord's email address

For more information and to apply, tenants and landlords may visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/>. A Call Center is available at (844) NYIRENT or (844) 691-7368.

Ulster County community partners are available to answer questions on eligibility, case management, and to provide application assistance. These include:

Family of Woodstock, (845) 331-7080

Catholic Charities, (845) 340-9170

RUPCO, (845) 331-2140

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, (845) 331-9373

For general questions, please call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC) at 845-443-8888 or visit the County's virtual center at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/erap/>.

Gillibrand Introduces Bill to Provide Direct Relief to Small Farms Struggling to Stay Afloat Amid the Pandemic

*Bill Provides A One Year Window To Apply For Debt Relief;
Will Keep Farmers Operating For At Least Two Years After
Receiving Loan Forgiveness*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, introduced The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act to provide economic relief for small farmers suffering from massive financial losses due to reduced demand and supply chain disruptions during the coronavirus pandemic. Small farms across the nation struggled to access emergency federal farm aid and received minimal Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) benefits at a time when the supply chain was devastated by school and restaurant closures. The Relief for

America's Small Farmers Act will fortify the nation's food supply and provide direct relief to alleviate crippling debt for the nation's most vulnerable farmers.

"After more than a year of grappling with financial hardship caused by the pandemic, many of New York's 30,000 farmers and farmers across the country need urgent and direct loan forgiveness to alleviate their debt and keep operations running," said Senator Gillibrand. "While Congress has passed many laws since the beginning of the pandemic to aid our nation's farmers, they simply did not go far enough to sustain small farmers through this difficult time; farmers need urgent and direct loan forgiveness so they can pay their workers, upgrade equipment, and keep food on American tables. I will fight to include this legislation in the upcoming infrastructure package to make certain our farmers are not left behind."

"Farmers across Oregon and throughout America work long days, day in and day out, to ensure that when we go to the local grocery store, there will be plenty of food on the shelves for our families," said Senator Merkley. "We know that the pandemic has made surviving in this difficult industry even more challenging, and that our family farms need help to weather the storm. Passing the Relief for America's Small Farmers Act would help ensure that support is delivered."

"After over a year of dealing with a world-wide pandemic, Congress cannot hesitate to pass legislation that supports the current pressing needs of public health and economic recovery. Small farmers were struggling prior to the pandemic under crushing debt, loss of markets, low prices and erratic weather events. Rural America cannot recover without legislation that provides immediate relief and looks to the longer-term challenge of economic recovery and establishing a more sustainable rural economy. The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act begins that process by focusing on the oppressive debt that burdens family scale farmers and ranchers -- producers who have struggled for years in an increasingly concentrated agriculture sector, farmers and their rural communities that are still struggling. In these difficult times, debt forgiveness is critical to immediately support small-scale producers and keep them in business, while in the long term it will act as a down payment toward strengthening local food systems that can revitalize rural communities." - Jim Goodman, Board President of the National Family Farm Coalition.

"The debt relief in this act is going to small farmers who have been left out of the benefits of most other USDA programs - farmers who have had to struggle trying to survive, who couldn't get commercial credit, and had no borrowing option but FSA." - Benny Bunting, Lead Farmer Advocate at RAFI-USA.

"Years of policy pushing farmers to 'get big or get out' have resulted in a decades-long trend of farm loss and farm consolidation. This legislation focuses on supporting those farms who have not been able to benefit from federal support the way larger farms have. It comes at a necessary time: between natural disasters, high input prices and now the impacts of the pandemic, small farmers need this debt relief now." - Edna Rodriguez, Executive Director of RAFI-USA.

"We support the Relief for Small Farmers Act because it will bring essential relief to small farmers," said Rural Coalition Chairperson John Zippert. "The pandemic has shown that this investment in a diverse and pluralistic small farm sector adds important resilience to our food system. Family-sized farmers, including many of people of color farmers, stepped up to feed their communities during the past year." (Contd. Pg. 38)

Gillibrand Introduces Bill to Provide Direct Relief to Small Farms Struggling to Stay Afloat Amid the Pandemic

(From Pg. 37) Family farms received minimal benefits from CFAP and have struggled to access emergency federal farm aid which has been allocated to USDA throughout the pandemic. These measures are not nearly enough to support small farms and keep them operating throughout the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act would directly address this crisis and help nearly 40,000 farmers get back on their feet by providing a one-time debt forgiveness of up to \$250,000, across three types of USDA FSA loans: Direct Farm Operating, Direct Farm Ownership, and Emergency Loans. All farms with an average adjusted gross income of up to \$300,000 for the previous five years will be eligible, regardless of the commodities they grow. While many debt relief programs exclude farmers from future benefits, this legislation would ensure that farmers who receive debt forgiveness or write-downs maintain their eligibility for further USDA Direct and Guaranteed loans. Additionally, this bill would ensure that farmers receive the full relief by making the forgiveness nontaxable and provides a one year window to apply for debt relief to keep farmers operating for at least two years after receiving loan forgiveness. Additionally, this legislation authorizes the Department of Treasury to provide \$10 billion in emergency funding for loan forgiveness.

New York is home to one of the most diverse agricultural industries in the country and is largely composed of small and medium-sized family operations. However, even before the coronavirus outbreak, farmers across New York and the country faced economic hardship caused by tight margins, growing debt, natural disasters, and an unstable trade market. Over the years, farm bankruptcies have continued to rise, with many small farms just one natural disaster or bad farm season away from bankruptcy. Now, the coronavirus pandemic has become the bad season they feared, as closed schools, restaurants, farmers markets, have disrupted the nation's food supply and devastated revenue streams for farmers in New York State.

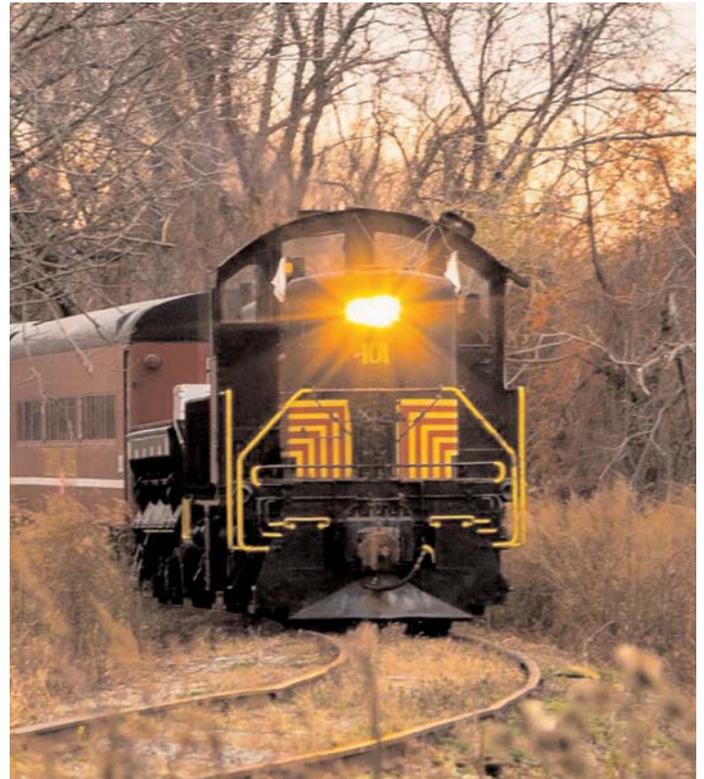
Dairy is New York's primary agricultural product, yet farmers have been forced to dump millions of pounds of milk while prices plummeted and processing plants close in response to COVID-19. The current problems are compounded by years of financial hardship which has led to an average of 12,000 farmers leaving the farming business between 2011 and 2018. This financial distress has damaged rural mental health and contributed to the growing epidemic of farmer suicides in the United States. The Relief for America's Small Farmer's Act would help put farms back on the path to economic stability, while ensuring that relief is provided directly to the farmers that need it most.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Gillibrand has prioritized support for farmers throughout the crisis who have been harmed by the fallout caused by COVID-19. In addition to previously announcing the Relief for America's Small Farmer's Act, Senator Gillibrand has called on the administration to support dairy producers and provide assistance for local food producers who have experienced losses due to the coronavirus outbreak. In July of 2020, Senator Gillibrand was joined by Senators Wyden (D-OR), Booker (D-NJ), and Sanders (I-VT) urging Senate leadership to prioritize the Relief for

America's Small farmers Act in the future coronavirus response package.

The Relief for America's Small Farmers Act has been endorsed by over 100 leading farm and agriculture advocacy organizations, including: National Family Farm Coalition, Rural Coalition, Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA (RAFI-USA), National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, National Young Farmers Coalition, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, and Farm Aid.

Upcoming Outing Will Be by Bus and Train



The Primetimers, who function as the fundraising arm of Temple Sholom in Monticello, are organizing a fun-filled day trip on Wednesday, July 28. Travelers will leave by bus from Monticello to Kingston's Westbrook Lane Station, where they will catch a ride on the Catskill Mountain Railroad. The six-car vintage train will chug along for an hour and a half from Kingston through the old cornfields of Hurley Flats. It will cross a scenic railroad bridge and climb the Hurley Mountain.

All six rail cars are open air, and capacity is limited to permit social distancing. The flat cars have sun canopies to provide shade. Participants must be fully vaccinated.

The excursion motor coach will leave from the parking lot at Temple Sholom lot at 9:30 a.m.. For lunch (on their own) participants will have a choice of a variety of restaurants on or around Front Street in Kingston including Chinese, Greek, Mexican, Italian and American, as well as a popular tavern, a diner, and a couple of bakeries.

All are welcome. Donation is \$60 per person. For reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.

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JULY 17, 2021 3PM- 6PM

At Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

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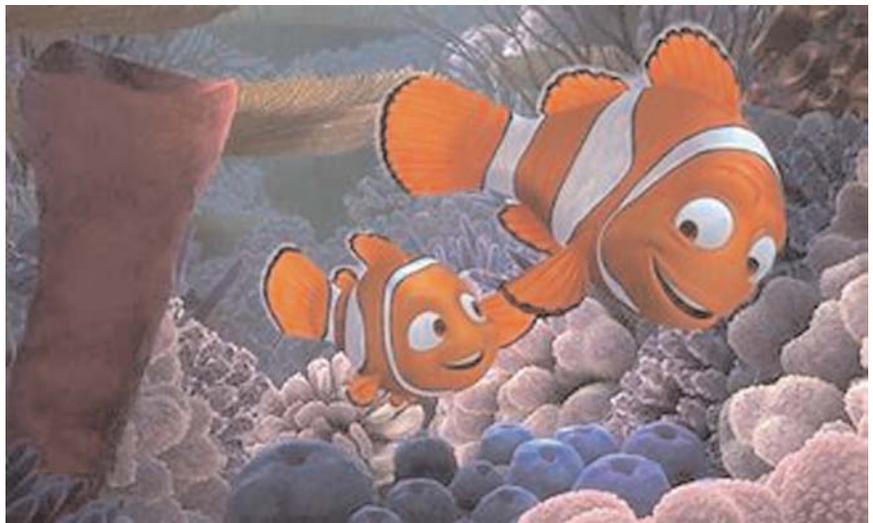
NOW THAT WE ARE ONLINE, WE CAN SUBMIT MORE INFORMATION FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT TO WATCH WITH YOUR DAD THIS FATHER'S DAY...

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FINDING NEMO

(G / 2003 / 1hr 40min / Animation/Family)

This is a 2003 superb American computer-animated adventure film produced by **Pixar Animation Studios** and released by **Walt Disney Pictures**. Directed and co-written by **Andrew Stanton** with co-direction by **Lee Unkrich**. The screenplay was written by **Bob Peterson, David Reynolds, and Stanton from a story by Stanton**. The film stars the voices of **Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould, and Willem Dafoe**.

It tells the story of an overprotective clownfish named Marlin who, along with a regal blue tang named Dory, searches for his missing son Nemo. Along the way, Marlin learns to take risks and comes to terms with Nemo taking care of himself.



Nemo and his Dad

Released on May 30, 2003, **Finding Nemo** won the Academy Award for **Best Animated Feature**, the first Pixar film to do so. It was also nominated in three more categories, including **Best Original Screenplay**. Additionally, it became the highest-grossing animated film at the time of its release, and was the second-highest-grossing film of 2003, **earning a total of \$871 million** worldwide by the end of its initial theatrical run. **Finding Nemo** is the best-selling DVD title of all time, with over 40 million copies sold as of 2006, and was the highest-grossing G-rated film of all time before Pixar's own **Toy Story 3** overtook it. The film was re-released in 3D in 2012.

In 2008, the American Film Institute named it as the 10th greatest animated film ever made as part of their 10 Top 10 lists. In a 2016 poll of international critics conducted by BBC, **Finding Nemo** was voted one of the **100 greatest motion pictures since 2000**. The sequel, **Finding Dory**, was released in June 2016.

•From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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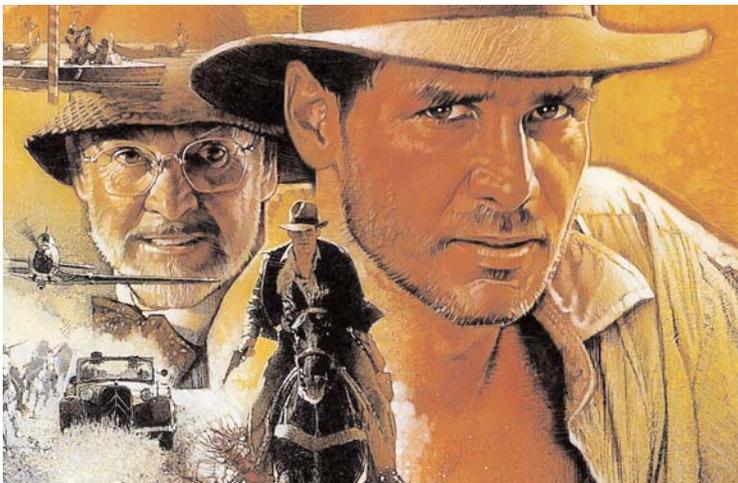
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INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

(PG-13 / 1989 / 2hr 7min / Action/Adventure)

INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE is a 1989 American action-adventure film *directed by Steven Spielberg*, from a story co-written by executive producer *George Lucas*. It is the third installment in the Indiana Jones franchise and a sequel to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. It is also the first Indiana Jones film to be rated *PG-13*.

Harrison Ford returned in the title role, while his father is portrayed by *Sean Connery*. Other cast members featured include *Alison Doody, Denholm Elliott, Julian Glover, River Phoenix, and John Rhys-Davies*.



In the film, set largely in 1938, Indiana searches for his father, a *Holy Grail* scholar, who has been captured by Nazis.

The film was released by Paramount Pictures in North America on May 24, 1989 to mostly positive reviews and was a financial success, *earning \$474.3 million* at the worldwide box office. It won an *Academy Award for Best Sound Effects Editing*. A sequel, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* followed in 2008.

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THE NATURAL

(PG · 1984 · 2hr 18min · Sports/Drama)

The Natural is a 1984 American sports film based on *Bernard Malamud's* 1952 novel of the same name. Directed by *Barry Levinson* and starring *Robert Redford, Glenn Close, and Robert Duvall*.

Like the book, the film recounts the experiences of Roy Hobbs, an individual with great "natural" baseball talent, spanning the decades of Roy's career. It was the first film produced by TriStar Pictures.



The film was nominated for *four Academy Awards*, including *Best Supporting Actress (Close)*, and it was nominated for a *Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress (Kim Basinger)*.



Many of the baseball scenes were filmed in 1983 at War Memorial Stadium in Buffalo, New York, built in 1937 and demolished in 1988. All-High Stadium, also in Buffalo, stood in for Chicago's Wrigley Field in a key scene.

Knowing his son was watching, with faith in his Dad helped make that home run happen for Hobbs, along with believing in his Dad as much as Dad wanted a home run made it happen.

*S tay safe, and stay well and Happy Father's Day
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