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A Special Moment to Celebrate Academic Excellence in Fallsburg

During the mid-afternoon of May 10, 2021, the Principal and Assistant Principal of Fallsburg Junior Senior High School, Kyle Roddey and Shana Bruestle, paid a special visit to the homes of graduating seniors, Ennie Li and Cody Harvey. They were carrying large signs with Cody's photo identifying him as Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Ennie as Class Salutatorian. Principal Roddey congratulated them for the amazing scholastic achievement and the hard work they and their families put into it. The signs would be placed on the front lawns of their houses and be visible for neighbors and passersby to see.



Left to right, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services Ms. Michele McCoy, Director of Physical Education and Athletics Ms. Suzanne Lenzian, Ms. Li, Assistant Principal of FJSHS Ms. Shana Bruestle and Principal Mr. Kyle Roddey.

Accompanying the administrators were FCSD Director of Physical Education and Athletics Suzanne Lenzian and Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services Michele McCoy. Mr. Roddey and Ms. Lenzian asked each student if they were okay with giving their speeches three times on graduation day. Because of the pandemic, FCSD is having three ceremonies to allow for social distancing on June 26 at 10 AM, 12 PM, and 2 PM. The young scholars said they can do it! (Contd. Pg. 4)



Cody Harvey is flanked by his parents and the FHS Administrators surrounding them.

Fun at the Lost Catskill Farm!

**Sunday, June 6,
2 to 4 p.m. at the
Time and the
Valleys Museum**

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A fun filled afternoon for the whole family! Fun at the Lost Catskill Farm will be held on Sunday, June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. This unique



1930s Lost Catskill Farm includes a reconstructed early barn, outhouse, farm house, milk house, electric plant and shop with working waterwheel, all with digital interactives, games, puzzles and activities for all ages. (Coatnd. Pg. 4)

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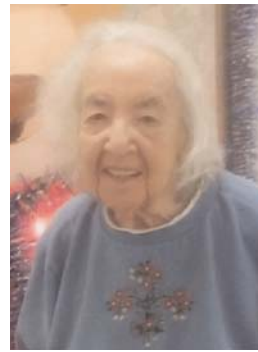
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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalm 16:8

OBITUARIES

Vera A. Atkins of Neversink, NY, a retired telephone operator for NY Telephone Co., and a lifelong area resident died



Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Garnet Health Medical Center, Harris, NY. She was 98.

The daughter of the late Daniel P. and Beatrice Davis

Akerley, she was born December 12, 1922 in Grooville, NY.

Vera was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and a member of the Alchemy Club, Grahamsville, NY. She enjoyed writing poetry, doing puzzles and reading. She was very close with her family and loved by everyone she met.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Atkins and his wife Mary of Grahamsville, NY and Charles Vasko of Liberty, NY; one daughter, Marilyn Vasko Laufer of White Sulphur Springs, NY; two sisters, Thelma Dobell of Bradenton, FL and Audrey Curry of Neversink, NY; one brother, John Akerley and his wife JoAnn of Neversink, NY; six grandchildren including Kenny Atkins, Anthony Atkins and Wayne Atkins; nine great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Harril Funeral Home in Liberty. The Rev. Seung Jin Hong officiated. Burial will be in the Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Vera's name may be made to the Neversink Vol. Ambulance Corp., PO Box 468, Neversink, NY 12740.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

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

June 6, 1951 - Lee Denman, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, has completed his second year at Springfield College where his is

majoring in Physical Education. He is also an enlisted member of the Marine Corps Reserve in a regular training unit with the rank of corporal.

A surprise miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Sue Teller of Liberty, the fiancé of Franklin Brooks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brisack on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Radford Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Elting are among those attending the testimonial dinner for the Rev. Mr. Coombes at Minnewaska.

BEEF IS SHORT - EAT PORK

Loin Pork Rib end \$0.49 lb.

Center 0.55 "

Loin chops 0.79 "

Hams 4 - 6 lbs. 0.47 "

Bacon 3 lbs. 1.59

KUM TO KRUMS

June 7, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Divine Corners have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Raymond Bauernfeind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bauernfeind of Beechwoods. Lillian is a TVCS graduate. A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller are the parents of a son born at Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 1961 weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Akerley are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller are the paternal grandparents.

Congratulations to Mr. Herbert George and Johnny Higgins who celebrated their birthdays on Monday. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dean who had an anniversary on Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanWagner who celebrated their anniversary on Saturday.

The first graduation ceremony to be held in the beautiful new Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, will take place on Sunday, June 11th at eight o'clock Mass. The graduating seniors are completing a four-year study of Biblical Theology. The Right Rev. Monsignor William J. Guinan, Pastor of the Church, will present the diplomas and merit awards to the graduates.

June 9, 1971

Tri-Valley Central School has announced that the Valedictorian of the senior class is Miss Maryann Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Grahamsville(Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

June 9, 1971

The Salutatorian of the Class of 1971 will be Miss Karen VanAken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold VanAken of Red Hill, Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jacobson of Marbletown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Gale, to Donald Christopher DuBois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DuBois of Kerhonkson. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois of Grahamsville. No date has been set for the wedding.

A surprise baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. Art TerBush for Mrs. James K. Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Anderson, on Thursday, June 3rd. The shower was given by her aunts, Betty Ann and Fran TerBush.

Best wishes for happiness to Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, Jr. who were united in marriage Saturday, June 5th. Also to Mr. and Mrs. George Dean of Neversink who were married June 5th at the Woodbourne Church.

June 4, 1981

Douglas Hamilton, formerly of Grahamsville and Jona Lynn Welter of New York Mills Minnesota, were married Saturday, May 23, 1981 at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills. The groom is the son of Barbara Slater of Grahamsville and John H. Hamilton, Sr. of Inverness, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welter of New York Mills. The couple now resides in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 22nd.

Good luck to Tom and Wilma Amthor, proprietors of W.T. Greenhouse on VanValkenburg Road, Sundown. They offer a full selection of flowering plants, vegetables as well as hanging baskets.

We are happy to wish Mrs. Mabel Hill Happy Birthday and many more healthy ones. Mabel celebrated her 96th birthday Monday, June 1st with family and friends.

On Sunday, May 31st, Mrs. Marie Mickelson traveled to Utica to witness the graduation of her grandson, Garth Mickelson, from Mohawk Valley Community College. He is the son of Ray and Ruth Mickelson of Woodbourne.

Household Hint:

Remove Bumper Stickers

If those tattered old bumper stickers on your car are a bit more raggedy than nostalgic, it's time to break out the vinegar. Saturate the top and sides of the sticker with undiluted distilled vinegar and wait 10-15 minutes for the vinegar to soak through. Then use an expired credit card (or one of those promotional plastic cards that come in the mail) to scrape it off. Use more full-strength vinegar to get rid of any remaining gluey residue. Use the same technique to detach .

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.

It Must be June!

While doing a little yard work last week, I saw quite a few large reddish brown beetles. Junebug(Phylliophaga)

There are over species of the genus Phyllophaga Junebugs are named from their annual appearance in June. The adult bugs have begun emerging from the ground for the first time in their lives to live a few weeks flying, feeding on leaves and flowers, reproducing and then dying.



The life cycle begins when a female Junebug constructs an earthen ball 1-6 inches deep among roots for her 50-100 white eggs that will hatch in a couple of weeks. The small larvae or grubs feed slowly on roots for the next 1-3 years, making this development stage one

of the longest in the insect world. They undergo three instars and molt twice before pupating.

Throughout the U.S. as in the Catskills, this is the most common grub found when you dig up the ground. It's a plump white C-shape with a brown head and six short legs at the front end. It cannot bite you.

If you look closely, you can see tiny breathing holes (spiracles) along both sides of the body. Also notice two rows of tiny stubby bristles down the back for burrowing. This arrangement enables a Junebug grub to wriggle along either upside down or right side up from root to root.

Because they eat voraciously, large numbers of grubs can damage lawns and orchards.

By the second summer a grub pupates for several weeks and transforms itself into an adult Junebug that is a little less than one inch in length, dark brown to blackish in color. They have a hard casing and have wings. The top hard wings are made of the same protein as our fingernails. Small platelets overlap like a shingled roof. It is waterproof, frostproof and withstands seven times the radiation found in today's atmosphere. Scientists believe Junebugs have inhabited the Earth for millions of years and have adapted well to the changing environment.

Even after the Junebug has transformed into the adult stage, it will stay underground feeding on roots until late next spring when it will emerge and fly off to feed on leaves and find a mate. At mating time, receptive females produce a chemical called pheromone that males find irresistible and can detect fifty feet away. They follow the scent trail straight to the female. Within a week, the mother Junebug deposits her eggs in the ground to begin the 3-year cycle all over again.

Junebugs usually hide during the day and come out at night. They are attracted to lights. It's fun to watch a Junebug prepare to take off. They do so in a very well-planned fashion, unfolding its two pairs of wings in correct sequence. The hard cover tops, protecting its body, are lifted into locked horizontal position, then the soft underneath pair of wings are unfolded for flight, move up and down and zoom! They are airborne!

This cumbersome arrangement makes landing somewhat uncontrolled and a bit more clumsy. Junebugs sort of crash land on their target.

To some people Junebugs can become a nuisance - especially at night, when they gather around a porch light. But, by summer all Junebugs will be gone.

As Shakespeare said, "The shard-borne chafer (Junebug) sound is heard no more".

A Special Moment to Celebrate Academic Excellence in Fallsburg

(From Pg. 10)

Cody and Ennie are good friends, and they both will be attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall. He will be studying computer science, and she will be studying Biology, with an interest in Physical Therapy. It was a bright and sunny afternoon in South Fallsburg and Hurleyville, the hamlets where Ennie and Cody live respectively, just as will be their educational futures. Congratulations from the Fallsburg Family to Cody and Ennie! Well done!

Fun at the Lost Catskill Farm!

(From Pg. 1)

Held rain or shine, activities include guided tours, quilting demonstration, old fashioned games LIVE ANIMALS and more. Visitors will go back in time to dairy farming in the 1930s, and see how different life was, not so long ago.

The cost for this fun filled afternoon is \$5 adults and \$2 children under 16 and Museum Members free. For more information, please call 845 985-7700, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

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.

UC County Executive Ryan Announces that All County Offices Will Reopen to the Public Starting on June 1st

*Visitors to County offices are required to wear masks unless they provide proof of vaccination
Department of Motor Vehicles to remain by-appointment only*

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that starting on Tuesday, June 1st, all Ulster County Offices will be open to the general public. Residents entering County buildings will be required to wear masks unless they provide proof of vaccination. The Ulster County DMV will remain open by appointment only.

"This is a major milestone for our community," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We have seen a sharp decrease in positive cases because our residents have been getting vaccinated. While we will be reopening to the public, we will continue to take necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. The health and safety of the 1,400 individuals who work for Ulster County, along with the tens of thousands of residents that we serve remains of utmost importance to me."



How To Betray Your Country

Mysterious Book Report No. 451

by John Dwaine McKenna

August Drummond is his name and he's an enigma . . . a British Secret Service agent who's lost his wife in a traffic accident and his job for punching another intelligence officer during a hearing in which Drummond was suspected of using classified materials to aid a foreign national in a series of 'Robin Hood' style events that took place in his first adventure, *Beside the Syrian Sea*.

Now, in the newly released second volume of a planned trilogy entitled, *How To Betray Your Country*, (Bitter Lemon Press, PB, \$15.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-913394-51-6) by James Wolff, a divorced and unemployed August Drummond is on a plane headed for Istanbul, Turkey – where he's taken a job out of desperation. It's beneath his intellect, skill set and talent. But it's a paycheck . . . and a steady income is something he desperately needs. Mourning his wife Martha, Drummond has crawled into a whiskey bottle and taken a deep dive.

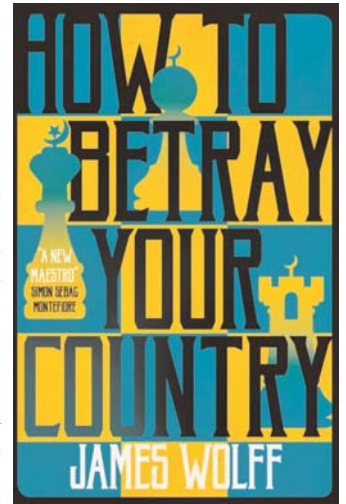
Drummond's training and instincts kick in however, when he notices a passenger in seat 34c acting strangely. While the out of work ex-spy watches, the nervous young man in 34c – who looks like a British recruit to ISIS – secrets something in the book he's been pretending to read. Minutes later, the plane lands and the passenger in 34c is arrested by Turkish Police and escorted off the plane. Intrigued, as well as halfway through a fifth of Gilbey's gin he smuggled onto the Turkish Airways passenger jet, Drummond retrieves the man's book and finds instructions for a clandestine rendezvous.

Whether from arrogance, boredom or just plain drunken bad judgment, Drummond follows the hand-written instructions to a midnight meeting in a deserted cemetery and presents himself as the man in 34c. He has no idea what he's getting into, no backup from MI6, the British Intelligence Agency, and no plan for extricating himself from the insane danger he's about to get himself into . . . which is of course, what makes this tightly plotted, action-driven and fascinating spy yarn so utterly compelling and irresistible. Wolf is a winner in the spy thriller genre, writing intricate, twisted and devilishly complex stories that grab the reader's attention on page one and never ever lets go!

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And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

<http://Johndwainemckenna.com> or <http://Mysteriousbookreport.com>



Join the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance on Saturday, June 5th for National Trails Day!

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

9:00 am- NATIONAL TRAILS DAY KICK-OFF!

Opening Remarks and Special Guests at the Hurleyville Rail Trail

10:00 am - LIBERTY ROTARY's Hummingbird Awards Announcements
Hummingbird Walk for Clean Water at the Hurleyville Rail Trail

10:30 am - 1:00 pm TRAIL CLEAN-UP & SERVICE PROJECTS at Various Locations along the O&W Rail Trail. Free O&W Trail Mix for all volunteers and free O&W tattoos & train whistles for the kids!

Visit www.sullivanandw.com for up-to-date event information!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

HIKE THE TRAILS!

Plan an excursion along your favorite portion of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail! Visit www.sullivanandw.com for up-to-date information about group hikes in your area!

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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Olive Free Library exhibition" Between Wind & Water"

The Olive Free Library Association will present the exhibition "Between Wind and Water" showcasing the works of 17 visual artists, writers and photographers who traveled together to Orkney, Scotland. Many of the pieces were completed in Scotland, where artists worked en plein air and were invited to share space at the printshop in Stromness. Each of the pieces illustrates the artist's unique reflection on the Orkney landscape, where wind and water and sky dominate. The show will run from May 22 through July 10, with an opening on Saturday, May 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The trip to Orkney was led by Kate McGloughlin and assisted on the island by Jeanne Bouza Rose, whose work is also included in the show. "Between Wind and Water" is curated by Sandra Scheuer and Linda Schultz, both dedicated members of the Olive Free Library exhibition committee. Scheuer says, "The experiences in Orkney individually and as a group held a magical quality as we became immersed in the wind and water around us. As we walked among the ancient stones of Stenness and the

Ring of Brodgar, we were awed by their immensity. We felt as if we were in an ancient culture as we viewed the Viking runes on the walls of Maes Howe, visited the museum in Kirkwall and explored the Neolithic village of Skara Brae. Our time in Orkney was further enhanced by the warm reception we received from the Orcadians of Stromness and Kirkwall. While each piece of work in this exhibition demonstrates an individual response to the time we spent there, there is evidence of the pervasive influence of the surrounding landscape and climate."



"Standing Stones" by Sandra Scheuer.

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Senior Stroll in Liberty

Liberty, NY On, Wednesday, June 2, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, the public is invited to a **Senior Stroll** at Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty, NY. This group outing 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. Raindate: June 16 at 3:00 pm.

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 1/4 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 wear a mask. Group size will be limited to 14.

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WANTED: Older New Yorkers Who Make a Difference

Monticello, NY - While May is recognized nationally as Older Americans Month - acknowledging the incredible efforts and diverse contributions older adults make to communities

across the nation - the NYS Office for the Aging has rescheduled the Older New Yorkers' Day Celebration originally planned for this month. Instead, out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19, the celebration will be held on October 1, 2021 in digital-only format.

As a result, Sullivan County's older adults have an extended chance to be recognized for their selflessness and civic-mindedness, as the deadline for submitting nominees is now July 1.

Thus the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is seeking nominations of older adults from our community to be represented at this virtual event. These nominations

can come from civic leaders, elected officials, and community organizations. The nominee should be a volunteer aged 55 or older that has made a difference in the community through civic engagement.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0255, then submitting to the office c/o Lise-Anne Deoul, Director of Aging Services, via email at Lise-Anne.Deoul@co.sullivan.ny.us or by mail to 100 North St., Monticello, NY 12701.




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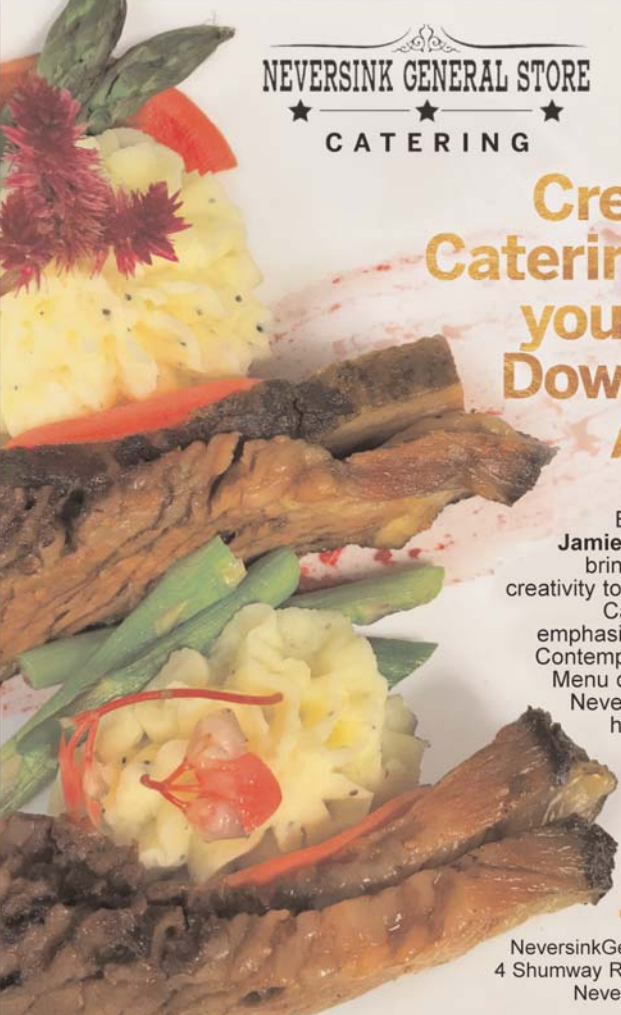
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Fallsburg Announces Scholarship Recipients



Cody Harvey



Daniel Milov



Neema Darboe



Dolce McPherson



Enni Li



, Haddy Gai



. Gianna Matthews



Jamie Rein



Janelly Santos Lopez

For the past seventy years, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has honored academic and community service achievement with the award of Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships and several other awards named in honor and memory of former FCSD staff members. Normally, these awards are given at a dinner or luncheon every May. In the past two years, this event has been cancelled due to the pandemic. On May 13, Mrs. Sonja Ferreira, Faculty Guidance Counselor for the Class of 2021, announced the recipients to the FCSD Community. The Community Scholarship Awards go to Neema Darboe, Haddy Gai, Cody Harvey, Dolce McPherson, Jamie Rein, and Nevaeh Valree. The Blossom Cohen Award recipient is Ennie Li. Gianna Matthews earned the Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship. The Esthvir Mintz Flanagan Award winner is Janelly Santos Lopez.



Nevaeh Valree

Daniel Milov received the Edward Bryan Award. Cody Harvey and Enni Li were recognized as Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2021.

Congratulations to these fine scholars that excelled in the classroom, in extra-curricular activities and in service to the school and greater Fallsburg community. Thanks to the Scholarship Fund committee for their time and effort in selecting these worthy students.

If you would like to make a donation in support of these scholarships, checks made payable to SBFCCSF should be mailed to Renee Kates, SBFCCSF Treasurer, PO Box 372, Woodridge, NY 12789. Thank you.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Access: Supports for Living Inc. Announce Opening of Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care Center in Midtown Kingston

Walk-in and Virtual Service will expand same-day access to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment for Ulster County Residents. Expansion will include dedicated, community-based, mobile support for opioid addiction.

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Ron Colavito, President and CEO of Access: Supports for Living Inc., announced today the opening of a new walk-in Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care facility that will expand same-day access to mental health and substance use treatment in Ulster County starting on June 1st. Earlier this month, County Executive Ryan formed a countywide Behavioral Health Task Force to identify gaps in the County's existing mental health and addiction landscape to inform potential investments. This Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care will fill a key gap identified by the task force by removing barriers to receiving same day service for residents who urgently need access to treatment.

"The opening of a mental health and substance use Urgent Care in Ulster County is more essential than ever as we continue to see more and more of our residents struggling with mental health and



Ulster County Recovery Task Force Member James Shaughnessy, Ulster County Behavioral Task Force Member Tim Hunt, Deputy Commissioner, Ulster County Department of Mental Health Tara McDonald, County Executive Pat Ryan, Access: Supports for Living Inc. CEO Ron Colavito

addiction," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This program will strengthen our efforts to ensure we are responsive to the needs of the community and provide our residents with the absolute best quality behavioral health services, both now and in the future."

The partnership leverages several funding sources including



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NIDA/SAMHSA HEALing Communities funding to create a new service delivery model for Ulster County residents that provides convenient, community-based mental health and substance use treatment and builds on the resources already available, including the Ulster County Mobile Mental Health Team. New services include:

- o Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care clinic, available 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in Midtown Kingston and virtually 24/7.
- o A mobile Registered Nurse/Care Manager to support individuals and families seeking substance use treatment, including opioid use, in their home or anywhere in the community convenient for them. This service will be connected to the Urgent Care, as well as the Ulster County Mobile Mental Health Team.
- o "Access is proud to partner with the County Executive and his team to make sure that care is available where and when it's needed, even outside of the four walls of a counseling center," President and CEO of Access: Supports for Living Ron Colavito said. "Our shared goal is keeping people safe and out of hospital emergency rooms. That's why these services are designed to be approachable and, equally as important, flexible so that we can meet the needs of the community today and tomorrow."

Access opened its first Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care locations in Middletown and Newburgh in 2019 with support of federal funding. In two years, more than 4,000 people have received care at the Urgent Care, a majority having never previously done so with Access, one of the largest providers in the region. This includes same-day access to a psychiatrist, either in person or via telehealth.

The Ulster Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care will be available in person 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 368 Broadway, Suite 205, Kingston or by calling 888-750-2266, option 2, 24/7. The Registered Nurse/Care Manager for substance use treatment is also available by calling the Urgent Care or the Ulster County Mobile Mental Health Team at 844-277-4820.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

On Sunday, I was sat listening to the steady rain. The event my friend and I had been looking forward to, the Quail Hollow juried Arts and Crafts fair in New Paltz, was still being held but we both agreed that being soaked before getting to the tents that sheltered the vendors just wasn't something we wanted to do. And this was the only free day available for either of us. So, I found myself at loose ends.

The practical side said: "Take all those too-big clothes to the laundromat so you can box them up for donation". (That 'eating healthy' really works!) But I'm watching that rain. And that's not going to happen.

SARAH HULSE and JASON MOWER were out at CABERNET FRANK'S that afternoon. HECTOR'S INN in Bethel was celebrating NATIONAL HAMBURGER DAY that afternoon, music provided by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. And it was raining steady. What to do, what to do.....

Yes, that's exactly what I did.

The music of SARAH HULSE is rich and earthy, whether it's her own creation or a cover, with her lilting voice adding an ethereal quality which is totally unique. So are the instruments she has



chosen which all appear to be either vintage or handmade all of which compliment her voice. It is this one-of-kind blend that kept her booked solid in Blue Grass and Folk festivals up and down the East Coast in the summer of 2019. As for a guitarist,

JASON MOWER is one of the finest to come along in quite a while. His mastery intertwines beautifully with SARAH'S adding depth to the earthy and underscoring her voice. It was gratifying to see so many come out to see their first appearance anywhere since September of last year at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville and it had people up and dancing. Whatever your taste in music, you will love this duo. But catch them now while you can. The festivals are already knocking on their door.

NATIONAL HAMBURGER DAY at HECTOR'S INN is something I make a 'must' every year. I do not know what they do differently but the hamburgers for this event are some of the absolute best I have had anywhere.



This year, the rain and cold drove everything indoors.....including THE JOHNNY JULES BAND who provided the music. It didn't seem to deter the hamburger seekers and the fans of the band though, as social distancing was a bit of a problem. JOHNNY'S trio had grown once again to six (all socially distanced, hence the two photos) including again MANGO MIKE on mandolin and harp, TRISH MURPHY on banjo, and GLEN LAZARO on guitar in addition to JOHNNY JULES, vocals and guitar, and BOB D on Dobro. Their bassist DAVID



D'ARCY was unable to make this, so another sat in on the upright bass. I apologize to this person for not getting his name. I promise I will and include it next week.

The rain gods had been on my side so far, only heavy misting or light rain

every time I was outside or driving so I decided to push my luck and headed back out to CABERNET FRANK'S to catch friend

GABE RICKARD. I have seen him a few times at THE PICKLED OWL in Hurleyville, but getting to know him, I always felt he was holding back. Playing to the type of audience, as you will. Wow, was I right. What I heard was the most expressive and impressive array that I never thought I would hear outside of New York City. GABE incorporates fusion, hip hop and a half dozen other flavors into what some might call experimental except that it all has been around for decades. The addition of these electronics in notes and sounds made his originals pop and the covers spin with an original twist.

Three events in one day, like the good old days. Out among people, some masked, some not. I stayed safe and I got to hug those who I KNEW were totally vaccinated. It was a marvelous day in a dreary rain soaked first-of-the-summer holiday.



Thursdays:

Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 7pm

Sundays:

DEFILLIPIS has started their Open Mics again; 10am-1ish

Sundays:

Open Mic at RAFTERS in Callicoon; 3pm

Friday June 4:

OXFORD STATION at CABERNET FRANK'S; 7:30pm

Saturday, June 5:

CASWYN MOON and KATHY GEARY at the KRISPY APPLE, Rock Hill; 12 noon

DEBBIE FISHER at the OPENING DAY OF THE ROCK HILL FARMER'S MARKET; 10am

POISON LOVE at RAFTERS; 7pm

Sunday June 6:

THE BARN CATS at CABERNET FRANK'S 5th ANNIVERSARY PARTY; 3pm

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Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack Announces the Opening of the Matthewis Person House Museum for the 2021 Season

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center's 2021 season on Thursday, June 17. The Persen House is located at the corner of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston's Stockade National Historic District. The house will be open for the summer season on Thursdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Persen House, named after its longest resident, Matthewis Persen (1739-1819), and owned by Ulster County since 1914, has undergone extensive restoration since emergency repairs in 1999 revealed its historical significance. This house was built in five phases from 1661 to 1922 and has witnessed the entire history of Kingston. Since opening its doors as a museum and cultural heritage center, the Persen House has had over 31,000 visitors from all 50 states and 57 countries!

Nina Postupack is looking forward to the 2021 Persen House season. "We are so fortunate to be able to open the Persen House this year," said Postupack. "The ability to take a step back in time is a treat for the whole family. We also want to ensure that the Persen House continues to be a viable resource for historical, cultural and community organizations throughout Ulster County."

The County Clerk's Office is committed to providing a safe environment for hosts and visitors. Signs will be posted throughout the house reminding guests to maintain 6-feet between parties for social distancing. Also, masks will be required unless proof of COVID-19 vaccination can be provided.

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

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Congresswoman Tenney Holds Broadband Roundtable, Unveils Plan to Bridge Digital Divide

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today hosted a roundtable in the Village of Sherburne with local elected officials and business leaders. She joined Sherburne Mayor Bill Acee and others from Chenango County, including educators and small business owners, to discuss ideas to improve internet access in the region. During the meeting, Tenney unveiled her plan to expand and invest in broadband access for Upstate New York.

"Having access to fast, reliable, and affordable internet is critically important to the success of our region. It impacts just about every aspect of our lives, and for too long New Yorkers have not had the access they need at costs they can afford. This needs to change. Our conversation today raised several new and innovative ideas to provide solutions to tackle this issue. We need to enable competition to lower costs and increase resources to expand access. If our region is going to compete in a 21st century economy, we need 21st century tools and technology available to every family and small business."

Tenney's three-part plan to bridge the digital divide in upstate New York focuses on unleashing the private sector, boosting competition, and increasing resources for underserved communities. For the full plan, please [click here](#) or continue reading below.

Unleashing the Private Sector

Original Cosponsor of H.R. 3377, the Gigabit Opportunity (GO) Act: This legislation will create broadband opportunity zones in areas lacking sufficient internet access, encouraging smaller internet providers to improve and expand their internet offerings. Ultimately, this bill will bring more internet service providers to upstate New York to compete against Spectrum's monopoly, resulting in lower costs and faster service.

Cosponsored H.R. 1032, the Telecommunications Skilled Workforce Act: This bipartisan legislation will help close the workforce shortage in the telecommunications industry and ensure we have the skilled workforce needed to build and maintain 5G networks in underserved communities. Emerging technologies like 5G would offer service that is better, faster, cheaper, and reaches farther than traditional technologies; we need to make sure we have the workforce in place to take full advantage of it.

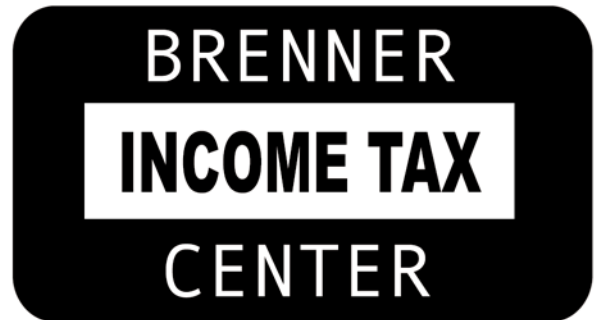
Boosting Competition

Bringing Greater Competition to New York: I have urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to immediately re-evaluate the non-competitive telecommunications market in upstate New York. Since the New York State's Public Service Commission and the FCC granted Spectrum a virtual monopoly, it has saddled our communities with expensive and unreliable broadband. The FCC must act immediately to bring competitors into upstate New York, giving our communities a robust broadband marketplace of choices that expands access and brings prices down.

Increasing Resources for Underserved Communities

Cosponsored H.R. 3435, the American Broadband Act: This legislation will authorize \$20 billion over five years to expand broadband infrastructure in underserved communities and \$3 bil-

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lion to promote rural wireless infrastructure, while eliminating the waste in the Biden Administration's current infrastructure proposal. The money will be prioritized for projects offering 100Mbps download speeds so our rural communities will not be stuck with second class internet access. In addition, the bill will cut red tape for cable providers entering new markets or upgrading their network, encouraging a robust broadband marketplace that keeps prices lower and speeds higher.

Cosponsored H.R. 2400, the Community Broadband Mapping Act: This bipartisan legislation will allow local communities to dispute and correct inaccuracies in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) internet service status claims. These federal broadband maps are often chronically inaccurate, meaning that many of our local communities are ineligible for funds they would otherwise receive. This fix is necessary to close gaps in broadband service and ensure every community receives resources.

Support Funding for USDA ReConnect Program: I recently testified before the House Appropriations Committee to urge it to continue funding rural broadband expansions through the USDA ReConnect Program and to reform the program to make sure it works for all rural communities. It is fundamental that we boost internet infrastructure that can host multiple internet service providers, so rural communities can access greater broadband options at lower prices. We must also consider raising the federal definition of minimum internet service beyond its already scheduled increase to 25 megabits per second. This standard is simply not high enough to meet the demands of many communities, especially for our schools, healthcare facilities, and libraries.

Congresswoman Tenney Presents Two Purple Heart Medals Posthumously



Utica, NY - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today presented the families of veterans Private James E. Overturf and Private Charles A. Wells with Purple Heart medals posthumously in recognition of their service to our nation during World War I. Both Private Overturf and Private Wells served in the United States Army.

In March, Tenney's office was contacted by Trena Defranco, granddaughter of PVT Overturf as well as Nicole Wells, great-granddaughter of PVT Wells, who were both seeking posthumous Purple Heart medals for their family members. Tenney's office immediately contacted the Department of the U.S. Army on their behalf and received approval for the medals to be awarded shortly after.

"It is an honor to recognize the heroism of Private Overturf and Private Wells for their military service in World War I. Privates Overturf and Wells fought and bled for our country, helping to secure our sacred freedoms for generations to come. They exemplify the best of what it means to be American patriots. Their families and our community will never forget their sacrifices. The Purple Hearts awarded posthumously today will be an enduring reminder of their noble service," said Congresswoman Tenney.

In addition to Defranco and Wells, Tenney was joined by Commander of the Central New York Chapter 490 Military Order of the Purple Heart Joe Fraccola, New York State Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, the Mayor of Utica Robert Palmieri, members of the New Hartford American Legion, and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri stated: "The freedoms and the amenities we enjoy in the City of Utica, and throughout this country, are only possible because of the sacrifices made by individuals like Pvt. James F. Overturf and Pvt. Charles T. Wells. These heroes are part of the rich history of our City and we cannot forget that the we all continue to benefit from their courage, fortitude and strength."

"The bravery of the men and women who choose to defend our country will never be forgotten," Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon stated. "Our nation made a promise to the veterans who served their country that they would honor their sacrifice and stand by them. Today that promise has been restored as the families of Private Overturf and Private Wells, two of our nation's World War I heroes, receive the Purple Heart in recognition of their bravery and dedication to our country. It is because of these men that we remain the freest nation on earth. I'm humbled to stand among these families and extend my gratitude and pay tribute to these heroic and honorable veterans."

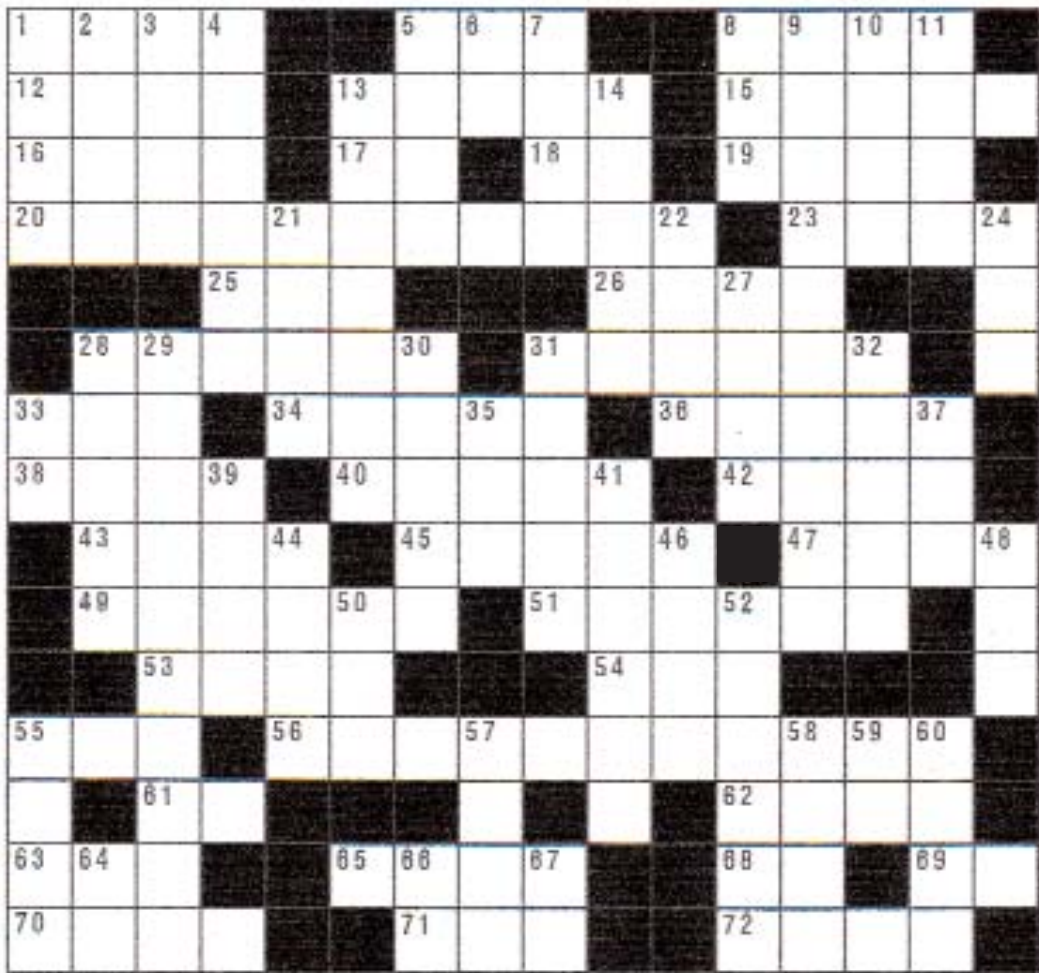


Background:

Overturf was part of the Machine Gun Company of the 116th Infantry, 29th American Expeditionary Forces in France. He served in the Battles in Alsace and Verdun. In Verdun, on October 23, 1918, James was wounded by an enemy bullet. Following his injury, he was honorably discharged on Jan 8, 1919 from the 1st Company Oversees Convalescent Unit, Camp Grant. His check out was completed Jan 11, 1919.

Wells was part of the 15h / 369th Infantry nicknamed "The Harlem Hellfighters" - an all-African American unit. They were sent to assist France when Germany was overpowering them. He was sent to Argonne in the Spring of 1918. During a lengthy battle that turned the tides of the war to lead the United States to victory, Wells sustained an injury to his arm. In recognition of his bravery and service, Wells received the "Croix De Guerre" from France and his regiment was cited for a silver star for their heroism and tenacity during the battle at "Snake Hill."

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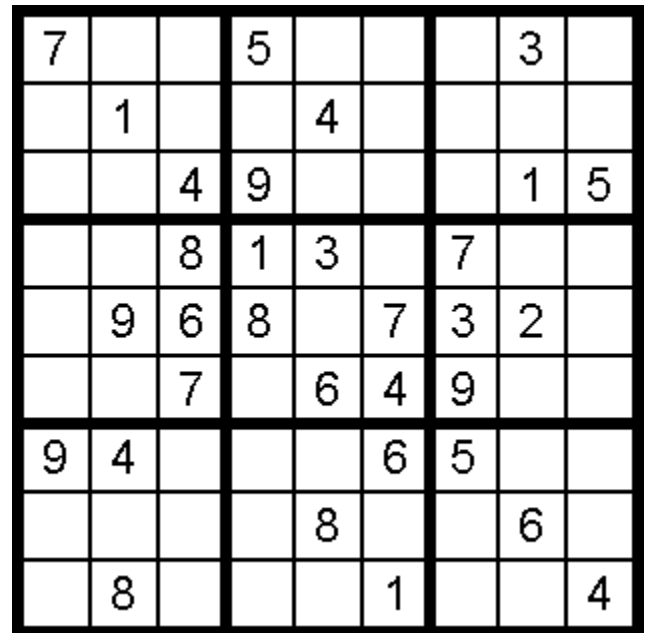
2 tablespoons roasted garlic
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 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon oregano

In a food processor, process beans, garlic, olive oil, lemon juice and oregano until desired consistency. If hummus is too thick, simply add olive oil in small increments (1/2 teaspoon) until desired consistency.

Serve roasted garlic hummus garnished with finely chopped parsley with hot pita bread, pita chips, or veggies. Roasted garlic hummus goes very well with cubes of warm Italian bread.

Hummus can be prepared in advance up to two days if stored in airtight container in the refrigerator. To serve, heat in microwave or on stovetop. Can be served cold as a dip.

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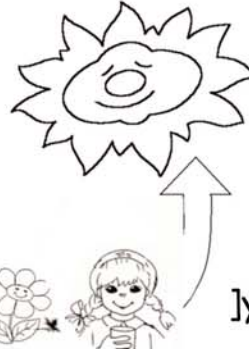
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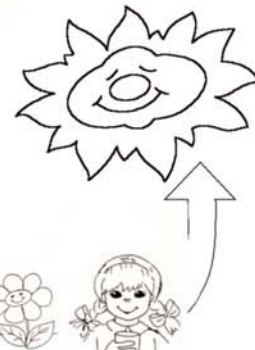
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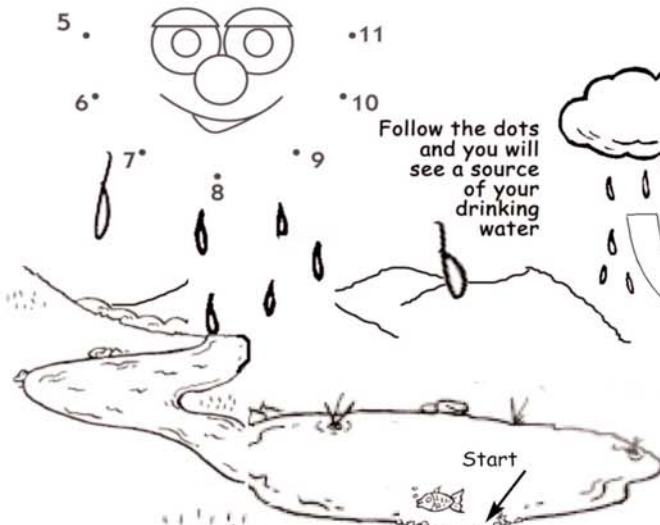


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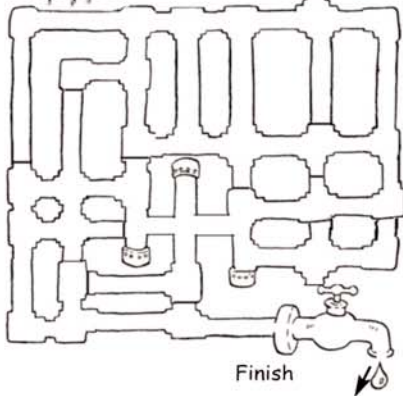


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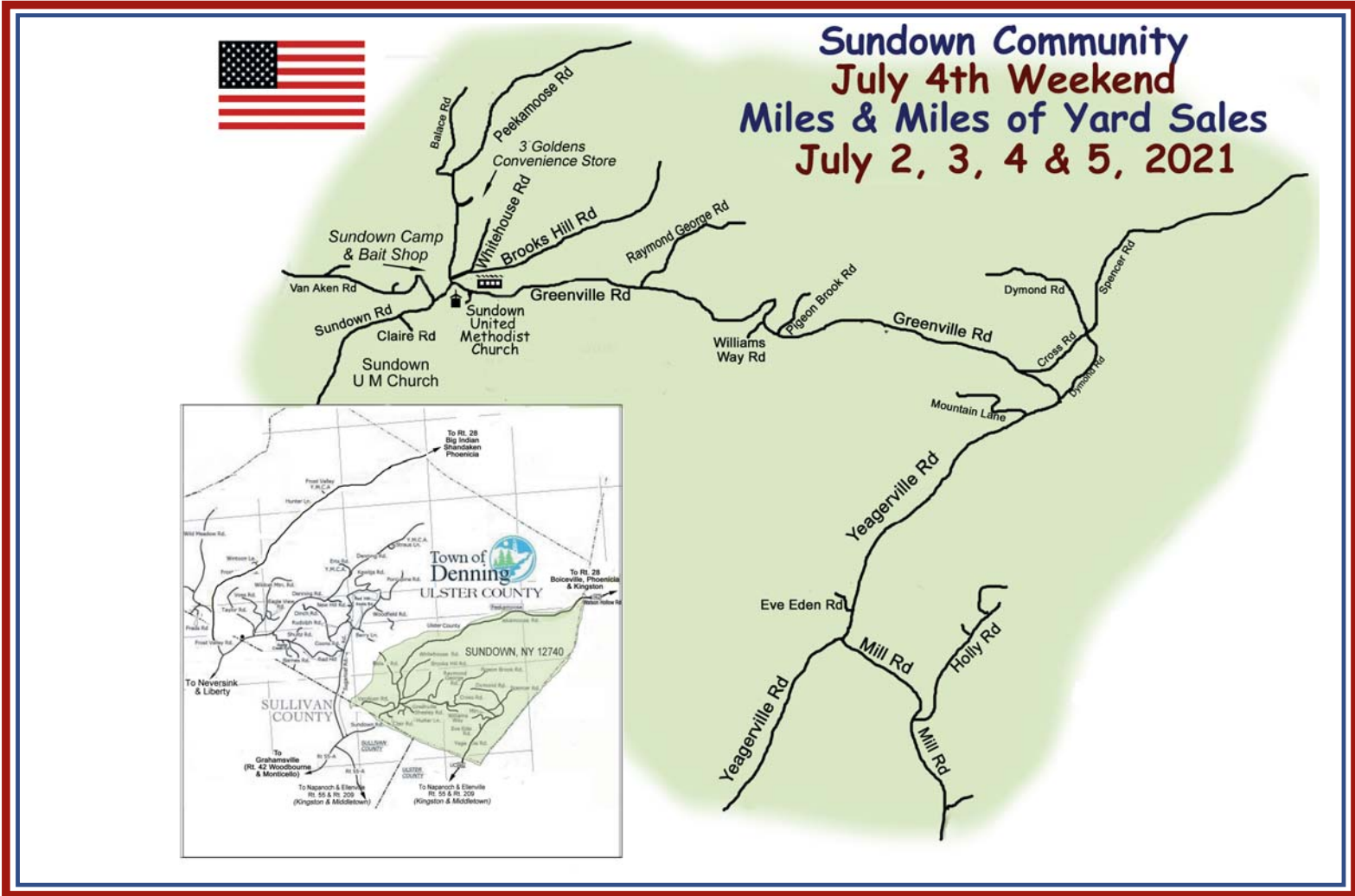
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In 2016 a few of the Sundown residents put some ideas together and we decided we would celebrate our **1st Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales**. It was a huge success and the idea grew into the start of a 'tradition' and a lot of fun over the next few years. Like most activities last year, we did not hold the **4th Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**, and this year the weather did not cooperate. Despite being small community, the heart of our community is big. We are going to try it again and have have the **4th Annual Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale over the July 4th Weekend!** Once again, we open the idea to all Sundown residents and those in neighboring communities in both Ulster and Sullivan Counties. If you are planning a **Yard Sale over the July 4th weekend**, let us know, and we will list your event in the **June 24th & July 1st issue of The Townsman**.

If you live Sundown go to: <http://thetownsman.com> and click on **Sundown Community**. Print out the form, make an "X" on the map indicating the location of your Yard Sale then fill in the rest of the form and mail it to us at: **The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740**, or send us your information by email to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com.

For all our friends and family in neighboring communities, we also invite you to join us. If you are planning a **Yard Sale over the July 4th Weekend**, please go to: <http://thetownsman.com> and click on the link **Friends and Neighbors** of the Sundown Community, print and fill out the form and send it to us. We will list the address where your sale will take place (be sure to include your zip code for those who use GPS), include the dates, times and anything special about your event. Forms may be mailed to: **The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740**, or send us an email at tvtownsman@yahoo.com with your information.

Please get us your information by **Friday, June 18, 2021** so that we can post all the **July 4th Yard Sales** in the **June 24th & July 1st issue of The Townsman**. Please feel free share this information with your friends and neighbors. Let them know they too can be part of this year's **4th Annual Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

NAME & TELE # (only if we need to get in touch with you; not for publication): _____

ADDRESS WHERE YARD SALE WILL BE HELD: _____

Dates & Time of your Yard Sale: _____

Additional information about your Yard Sale: _____

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Denning Republican Caucus

Saturday, June 12, 2021

9: 30 am

At the Claryville Fire House

6/3; 6/10

Letter to the Editor:

Dangerous Afghanistan Withdrawal

The planned withdrawal of all U.S. and European troops from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021 will probably allow the Taliban to reconquer Afghanistan and impose a strict Islamist regime within the country, and establish terrorist organizations devoted to attacking the United States.

The Taliban followers are terrorists who are aligned with al-Qaida, and they are the same groups who have launched terrorist attacks in the world over the past 30 years, including the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

We need to keep adequate military forces in the region outside of Afghanistan to counter Taliban and al-Qaida moves in Afghanistan and to keep them off balance to prevent attacks against us. Approximately 3000 U.S. troops should be based on the Arabian peninsula in case they are needed as a quick reaction force. U.S. Special Forces in the region will probably have to be beefed up.

We need ground assault aircraft available in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Additionally, a squadron of B-52s should be based in the region.

A U.S. Navy carrier battle group and an amphibious assault force must be deployed in the region to provide the capabilities for air bombardment and missile attacks as necessary.

The Taliban are the enemy and must be treated as such.

Donald Moskowitz.

7 Tokanel Drive
Londonderry, NH

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Applauds Louisiana Legislature for Advancing Bill to Ban "Zuckerbucks"

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) co-chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, released the following statement applauding the Louisiana State Legislature for advancing a bill that prohibits the use and influence of private donations from interfering in political elections.

"I commend the Louisiana State Legislature for recently passing a bill to prohibit private donors from interfering in elections. I urge the Governor of Louisiana to sign this commonsense bill into law, which is something other states should consider as well.

"Allowing private donors with political agendas to fund elections threatens the integrity of the process and increases the potential for undue outside influence, which is the last thing

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

Tri-Valley CSD will have a Public Hearing on **Thursday, June 3, 2021 7:00 p.m.** in the Secondary School Library Lower Level for the purpose of proposing to appropriate up to the sum of \$175,000.00 from the Repair Reserve Fund for the purpose of non-recurring repair of Secondary School SPF (Spray Polyurethane Foam Roofing).

Tri-Valley CSD will have an Anticipated Proposed Executive Session at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021** Secondary School Library Upper Level

Tri-Valley CSD will have Regular Board Meeting #24 immediately following the Public Hearing on **Thursday, June 3, 2021** Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Tri-Valley CSD will have an Anticipated Proposed Executive Session at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021** Secondary School Library Upper Level

Tri-Valley CSD will have Regular Board Meeting #25 on **Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:00 p.m.** Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) Offices and Contact Information

Washington, DC
202-225-3665

1410 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Utica, NY
315-732-0713
430 Court Street
Suite 102
Utica, NY 13502

Binghamton, NY
601-242-0200
49 Court Street
Suite 210

Binghamton, NY 13901

we need in our elections. In the 2020 election, Mark Zuckerberg shelled out \$350 million to local election officials, much of which went to Democrat-leaning counties. The right to vote is sacred and the administration of our elections is not something that should not be sold to the highest bidder. "Zuckerbucks" have no place in American elections."

Calling it the Duty of All Americans to Get Vaccinated, 102-Year-Old WWII Veteran Stars in Ulster County Vaccine PSA

Bill Swetow, who joined the Army after the attacks on Pearl Harbor, says 75 years after WWII we are at another moment where we need every American to join the fight against COVID-19



Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced the release of a new COVID-19 vaccine PSA featuring 102-year-old WWII Army Veteran Bill Swetow. To watch video go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWb-Os4N3uE&feature=youtu.be>

As part of County Executive Ryan's continued effort to get residents vaccinated safely and equitably, Swetow offers a first of its kind PSA that will air on local television, radio, and social media channels.

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“Getting vaccinated is our ticket to staying safe and fully reopening our community,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “As a Veteran, and as County Executive, I want to thank Mr. Swetow for his service during WWII and his continued service in encouraging residents to get vaccinated.”

Swetow, who joined the Army after the attacks on Pearl Harbor, decoded messages as a cryptographer and then became a statistical control officer during WWII. Now a resident of Woodland Pond Senior Living Community in New Paltz, Swetow states in the ad, “When our nation needed us and Uncle Sam came calling, we answered! We fought the Nazis and stormed the beaches of Normandy. And over 75 years later, we are at another moment where we need every American to do their part.” Swetow continues, “We are not asking you to fire a gun, dig a trench, or go to a foreign land. But we are asking you to join the fight, the fight against COVID-19. And We Want You to get vaccinated.” Swetow concludes by saying that getting vaccinated is safe, accessible, and your duty.

Through Ulster County's continued efforts to make the vaccine accessible to all, the county has held pop-up vaccination clinics in churches, community centers, and recently teamed up with Stewart's Shops to offer vaccines with free ice cream and coffee. 59.3% of Ulster County residents have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine making Ulster County one of the highest vaccinated counties in the region. Individuals looking to get the COVID-19 vaccine should visit VaccinateUlster.com for more information.



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CCE Sullivan County Hosts Virtual Ag Career Fair

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Each year, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County hosts an Agricultural Career Fair to help connect farm businesses with interested and skilled employees looking for work in the agriculture field. Due to COVID-19, the event was canceled last year, typically hosted at SUNY Sullivan in April. This year, as with so many other shifts in our world, the job seeking has moved heavily digital. CCE Sullivan County seeks to assist this transition with a Virtual Career Fair, with a several week campaign promoting local agricultural jobs to those seeking employment.

Nationwide, we are seeing a severe labor shortage. In the most recent jobs report from the US Department of Labor, in April the country saw an increase in hiring, concentrated in certain sectors like hospitality, while unemployment edged upwards. There is a confluence of things occurring in the market, including a sudden demand for staff as businesses open all at once, continued complications with childcare options, and benefits that are not traditionally available.

This past year has a lot of people reconsidering their work and life. Disruptions in the conventional food supply chain have reminded people of the vital role of local food and buying direct from a farm. There are many opportunities for dynamic and fulfilling work in agriculture, right here in Sullivan County. Visit the CCE Sullivan County website's Agricultural Career page to find up-to-date job postings from around the county: <http://sullivancce.org/agriculture/agriculture-jobs>

Another resource for farm businesses seeking staffing is the New York Farmland Finder website - traditionally a land link service for farmers seeking land, or landowners seeking a farmer. NYS Department of Ag & Markets and American Farmland Trust have collaborated to expand the service with a website that is a self-serve location for employers to list their job postings directly to a regional audience. Visit their Farm Jobs website at <https://nyfarmlandfinder.org/jobs> to list your job posting.

For more information about Sullivan County agricultural careers, contact CCE Sullivan County Agricultural Business Coordinator Ashley Tully at aet92@cornell.edu.

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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
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Thrift Shop
 and
Clothing Sale
 Will be opened
 every Friday
 from 10 - 3



Sundown United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
 5:30 pm
 To be announced
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Thrift Sale To be announced
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 Grahamsville NY
 12740



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Weekend Mass schedule:
 Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.
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
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
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

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 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 845-985-7480

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 Claryville, NY 12725
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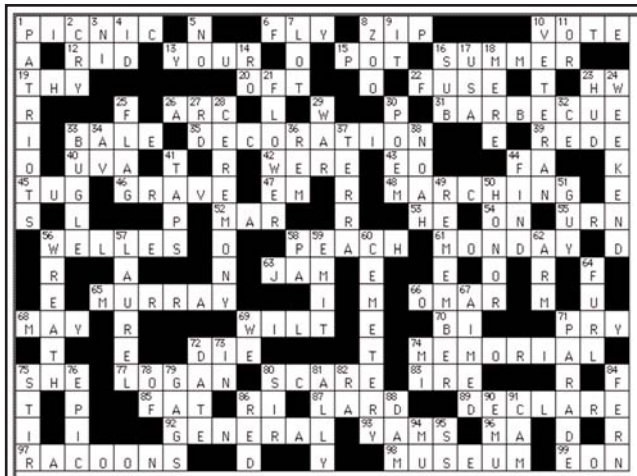
St. Augustine's Chapel
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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 Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for fam-
 ily 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



Join Daniel Pierce Library and Celebrate National Donut Day!

Enjoy the same delicious Pumpkin Party donuts!

Friday, June 4, 2021 - 9 am to 5 pm

Lower Level Community Room

Preorder donuts - Call 985-7233

(See Page 33) for Order Form

Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor KAESPATZLE LUNCH Saturday, June 5, 2021

Pick-up location: Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Hall, 37 Greenkill Avenue, Kingston, NY

Pick-up time: Noon - 1:30 p.m. Pre-orders BY MONDAY, MAY 31.

Featuring: Cheese Spaetzle, a beloved and delicious Swabian comfort food.

Menu includes Cheese Spaetzle, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup, and Dessert for \$12.50 per meal.

Enjoy the music of Joe Unger while picking up your lunch!

There will be limited outside seating weather permitting.

We accept Checks, Credit Cards, and Cash at the door.

Walk-ins after 12:30 p.m. while supplies last.

To pre-order or for more information, contact Hildegard at 845-757-5135 or Alina at 845-339-5969

2021 Sullivan County Art Shows

PK- Grade 2 Art Show

On Monday, May 10 the Arts In Education Program at Sullivan BOCES of the county-wide virtual art shows opened with its premier showcase of local students. If you didn't get a chance to view the premiere showing, it is now available on YouTube at the links below:

<https://youtu.be/WGMD588o350>

Grades 3-5 Art Show - https://youtu.be/Pd8FV8P_VUw

Grades 6-8 Art Show - <https://youtu.be/p4FeIV2OEXc>

High School Art Show - <https://youtu.be/Cz0CIPD3jKc>

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Play Mexican Train
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Statement from Senator Mike Martucci on Children Masks

“This morning, I led a rally with my colleagues that brought forward the voices of childcare providers and anxious parents all calling for the reversal of the totally unscientific and punitive Cuomo mask mandate for children as young as two to five years old. Then, this afternoon on the floor of the Senate, I brought forward yet another amendment to fully repeal the Governor's emergency powers - which are still causing massive damage to the public trust and unpredictability to our everyday lives - despite claims of repeal from my colleagues across the aisle. Because of our collective efforts, I am pleased to see that this evening, the Governor has wised up and lifted his latest, nonsensical edict on masking two- to five-year-olds in daycare centers and summer camps.

“Parents and children have been under tremendous stress for more than a year. We need a Governor who understands these concerns and proactively works to find solutions cooperatively, not one who governs by mandate and only reacts when there is a change in the political winds. Providers and parents should celebrate this victory, but there is more work to do to reign in this Governor and the majorities in the Legislature that abet his every action. Now is not the time to let up.”

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/6/21	Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
6/2/21	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 5/1921)
6/4/21	National Donut Day at Daniel Pierce Library - 9 am - 5 pm
6/8/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
6/9/21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
6/15/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submisioin date 6/1/2021
6/17/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
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)

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>

Weekly Update Ulster County Legislature For The Week Of May 24 - May 28, 2021

Please note that the time and place of the Soil and Water Conservation District meeting on Wednesday, May 26th has been changed

Monday, May 24

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston, or by Phone at 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 132 513 1277#, Password: 1234#
- o 6:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID:946 3133 8151, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 941 7494 7702, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, May 25

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, May 26

- ~~o 9:30 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561~~
- o 11:00 AM - Ulster County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Registration Required: <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/94631338151>
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 826 5102 8831, By Phone Dial (929) 436-2866
- o 4:30 PM - Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 988 1042 6830, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, Dial In (929) 205-6099
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 5 Park Ln, Highland, NY
- o 7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 828 2165 4886, Passcode: 247538, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

Thursday, May 27

- o No Meetings

Friday, May 28

- o No Meetings

Tri-Valley Elementary School **WANTED:**

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Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words/

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Business card ad (2" x 3")

\$15.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$45.00

(4" x 6") - \$60.00

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00

(6" x 8") - \$120.00

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00

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Grahamsville Reformed Church

Roast Beef Dinner

June 12, 2021

4:00 - 7:00 pm

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Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

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The Great Wall of Honesdale Premieres with “People's Choice” Contest



A contest where the public can vote for their favorite panel will follow the revealing of the 2021 Great Wall of Honesdale at the end of May. The winning artwork will become a handsome t-shirt which will be available for purchase.

For the 2021 edition of The Great Wall of Honesdale, twelve painting, photography, digital, textile, silkscreen, and mixed media works were chosen from a field of 327 entries expressing this year's theme of “Saturated (as in color).” The 12 winning artists are Mark Ciocca, Maxine Davidowitz, Lauren Floden, Janet Gaglione, Edna Gonzalez-Rothenberg, Lauren Kuhn, Amanda Miehle, Mark Partridge, Lou Patrou, Johnny Robinson, Robert Stark, and the artist known as /// V.

Voting for “The People's Choice” will begin on June 1 and end at midnight on July 10. Voting will be online at www.thegreatwallofhonesdale.com. Each contribution of \$1 will allow one vote and there will be no limit on the number of votes each person can cast. A t-shirt will be designed based on the winning art, which will then be available for purchase. All proceeds from this contest will go to the Artists Fund to help support the production of the 2022 edition of the Wall.

The Great Wall of Honesdale, which was named “2020 Artisan of the Year” by The PA Rt. 6 Alliance, is a project of the Wayne County Arts Alliance supported by local businesses, The Jaycees of Honesdale, and The John & Helen Villaume Foundation. It is located at the end of Main Street at 4th Street in Honesdale, PA, where it is viewed by an estimated 100,000 vehicles per week.

Jorg Madlener prepares for Third Exhibition

- Exhibition *PANTA RHEI no man steps into the same river twice*
- *Bunker 02 Klimakommune Saerbeck Germany this Summer in Claryville.*

From the beginning of his career his work concentrated on two poles, nature (landscapes) and humans (portraits).

He painted 32 from 1984 to 2004 of the composer Gustav Mahler – often with the title *Landscape of a face*. The series ended with a public lecture in Brussels; “*Gustav Mahler un portrait (im)possible, an (im) possible portrait*”: for him the portrait is still possible as sequence and as suite.

The other pole which is working directly from nature – landscapes appeared early on under influences as divers, as paint-

ings by Max Beckman, William Turner and later by Jackson Pollock. Asked why he does not work from nature his answer was, “I am nature”.

Joerg Madlener prepares his third exhibition in the Bunker 02 in Saerbeck Germany. The Klimakommune Saerbeck 2011 has transformed 57 cold war ammunition bunkers into solar energy bearers.

War energy is remodeled into Peace Energy.

The exhibitions Sandstorm the first five days of the war 2003 and Kassandra themes with often oversized paintings are followed now by small works on paper.

PANTA RHEI man kann nicht zweimal in den gleichen Fluß steigen – no man steps in the same river twice

Near his studio in the Catskills Joerg follows the unregulated flow of the river downstream making quick open air drawings.

At the studio numerous photo shots and drawings help to create the new meaning the river has taught him: what is, - has the potential to become other under risky and critical choices between becoming and potentiality.

A buddhist monk is asked which road to take, when one comes to a fork. He answers “take the fork”.

His answer when asked which of two choices one should choose, could be; “take the choice”.

Jorg Madlener now has a virtual exhibition – HOPE the Face in suspense by the artcadia gallery Berlin. To visit the exhibit go to:

<https://www.artcadia-gallery.com/home/news/madlener-ausstellung-online/>

At the July 20 to August 25 he will show PANTA RHEI all are flowing, works paper at the former Cold War Bunker 02 of the Klimakommune Saerbeck near Münster. At the same time in a different place of the community one can also see three important oversized paintings of the *Elegy for Syria* series.

OPEN STUDIO

JULY 1-5 and JULY 8-12

1094 CLARYVILLE ROAD

CLARYVILLE

a selection of the new works on paper “the river”
joergmadlener@gmail.com 845 985 2048

Abstract

There is no abstract art. You must always start with something.

Afterward you can remove all traces of reality. There's no danger

then, anyway, because the idea of the object will have left an indelible mark. It is what started the artist off, excited his ideas,

and stirred up his emotions. Ideas and emotions will in the end be

prisoners in his work. Whatever they do, they can't escape from

the picture. They form an integral part of it, even when their presence is no longer discernible.

– Picasso



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.

PANTA RHEI no man steps in the same river twice

I had my first show in 2019 Sandstorm and
in 2020 Kassandra and now 2021 the river
Panta Rhei in the Bunker

this Summer in Claryville
Open Studio July 1-5 and 8-12

1094 Claryville Road Claryville

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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.

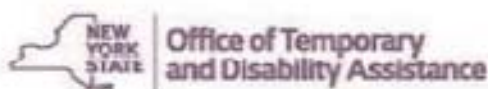
HOW DOES IT WORK?

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)



The Wayne County Arts Alliance is thrilled to announce our 2021 Summer Outdoor Art Project "YOU ARE HERE". Panels will be in place Friday, May 28 through the end of the summer.

After so many months of navigating life, summer has come around once again. It is time to enjoy the outdoors and celebrate living! The Wayne County Arts Alliance has taken on a summer project to share the Arts with the public and bring joy to our community. The project, "You Are Here" brings the arts to the outdoors. 35 large panels have been created by area artists celebrating the uniqueness in us all. Each panel has two cut outs for heads of both young and old to poke through and snap a photo....or even create a fun video.

Sponsoring businesses have generously offered their sidewalks for display. On the back side of each panel you will find a QR code that will lead you to the website where you will find the map to locate all the panels....so you too can be here....and here....and here! There are so many opportunities to have fun with this summer project. The WCAA is also holding a contest for the most fun video you can create with the panel of your choice. Just make your video and post to #waynecountyarts. We hope to spread the joy with this project, in person and on line!

We ask everyone to be safe and hope you will enjoy this wonderful project...joyfully made available by generous donations from the Wayne County Community Foundation, Home Depot, Dirlam Bros Lumber Company and Pioneer Construction, along with each sponsoring business.

And of course this project could have never happened without the creative artists who live in our area.

Thank you to the following artists and Business Location Sponsors:

Tricia Adler - at The Hawley Library; Cheryl Batcher - at Gather; Kathryn Beisel - at Cavages Country Farm Market; Jane Biron - at AM Skier Insurance; Nicole Breder - at Scarfallotos Towne House Diner; Phyllis Chekenian - at Wayne Memorial Hospital; Nicole Curtis & Beth Hughes Johnson- at Apple Day Spa; Melissa DeChellis - at Highlights; Ashley & Sydnee Evans - at Honesdale Greenhouse; Sue Foster- at Missing Pieces; Cindy F., Karen A., Sandy B., Cindy O., Jeff A.- at Frances Gruber, Esq.; Jeff George - at ReMax; Lindsay Barrett George - at Be Kind Bakehouse; Lisa Glover & Derek Williams - at The Cooperage Project Cynthia Hanson - at Gravity Ice Cream; Lars Hanson - at Mick's Barber Shop; HHS students: Rebecca Lohmann, Emily Johannes, Alexis Barone, Haley Wonesky, Anthony Davis, Kyle Soden - at Dime Bank, Damascus; HHS Students: Jasmine Winkler, Irena Enslin, Hailey Boehmer, Gloria Brooking, Julia Apicelli, Sydney Ford; Madison Roberts - at Honesdale National Bank; Kristen Knash - at Stephen's Pharmacy; Ellen Martin - at Elegante's; Brandi Merolla - at Dime Bank, Honesdale; Kristin Nalesnick - at Lake Wallenpaupack Visitors Center; Wallenpaupack Students: Hannah Mitchell, Nina Forte, Katie August, Michala Boehm, Rebecca Castimore, Mikayla Zink, Aiden Cornell - at Dorflinger Factory Museum; Matt & Sandy Povse - at Home Depot; Jess Repa - at 6th & River; Rebecca Rinella - at R3 Hardware; Amanda Sobolak Rowe - at Wallflower; Lori Ryan - at Twisted Rail Tavern; Trevor Taylor - at Dirlam Brothers; Shannon Thol - at Northeastern Gastroenterology Associates; Ellen Silberlicht - at FNCB Bank; Amy Smith - at Lulkans Farm; Bodhi Tree- at Wallenpaupack.Brewing Co.; Andrea Jasmine Schwenk - at Wayne County Library; and Yanni Visci - at Pappa's Ice Cream Cottage

Thank you to our Project Leader - Ellen Silberlicht.



CALL FOR ART
Eye to Eye
2021 Summer Group Show
Juried by Tom Sarrantonio,
a renowned Hudson Valley artist
July 24 – September 11, 2021

The Olive Free Library Association will be presenting its annual summer group show, this year juried by wellknown regional artist Tom Sarrantonio. The exhibition will open on Saturday, July 24, 2 – 4 pm and will run through September 11, 2021. All Hudson Valley artists are invited and all genres of art are considered but work must be wall-hung. If you are interested in submitting work to be considered for this show, please read the submission instructions below.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Up to three pieces of original artwork will be considered for inclusion in the show (no reproductions).
2. All artwork should be no more than 24 inches x 24 inches in size, including frame. All works must be wall hung. Small shelves (to be provided by the artist) for sculptures are acceptable.
3. The library takes a 30% commission on all sales (the artist will receive the remaining 70% of the sale).
All artwork must be for sale.
4. Send 3 – 5 jpg or png files of your work to the email address below.
5. Image files should each be named with the artwork's title only. In the body of the email, please provide details for each of the works, i.e. medium and sizes (height x width): eg.
Untitled 1: oil, 5" x 7"
Untitled 2: pastel, 8" x 10"
Untitled 3: pen & ink, 12" x 12"
6. All artwork must be properly wired ready for hanging. Any work not properly wired will be rejected.
7. Please submit your image files by Monday, June 7, 2021.
8. Send your submission to oflartsubmissions@gmail.com
9. If accepted, you will be contacted directly by email with all necessary forms for you to fill in, and submit them with your artwork during intake. Intake day is Monday, July 19.
10. If you want to be added to the Olive Free Library's email list and find out about its events and other exhibition opportunities, please send an email to director@olivefreelibrary.org
11. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Exhibition Committee – Olive Free Library Association
4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494
Phone: 845.657.2482 / Website: olivefreelibrary.org

The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



The 36th Annual Car Show Sunday, June 27th 2021 **Big Indian Valley Park**

Route 28, Big Indian, NY 12410

"Special Awards" Fireman's choice,
President's choice and Best of Show

DJ, Food, 50/50 and just good old fun
Registration if your entering a car 8am to 12:30
Music, Food 50/50

The CMCCC is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage and late model automobiles. To be a member is \$10.00 a year

We invite any enthusiasts to join us for the show either as an entry or to enjoy seeing all the vehicles in our beautiful Park

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

Forty-Nine Career & Tech Students Inducted into National Technical Honor Society

LIBERTY: The Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES inducted forty-nine students into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

The Honor Society inducts only a select group of individuals into its society each year. Part of the induction is to participate in an extensive referral and interview process. This year 18.3 percent of the Career and Tech Education (CTE) population at Sullivan BOCES were inducted into this distinct group.

Jeffrey Molusky, Executive Principal of Career & Technical Education Center welcomed the group and congratulated the inductees. Mr. Molusky explained the benefit of the National Technical Honor Society and how its seven pillars (leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility) helps students become positive role models for others while encouraging leadership skills. "Congratulations on a job well done. You have worked for this designation, and you have reached your goal," said Molusky.

The 2021 inductees include: Allied Health: Gianna Matthews, FCS; Danielle Rasmussen, SWCS; Animal Science: Tahjane Coakley, FCS; Jeanne VanPelt, MCS; Auto Body: Molly Rampe, RCS; Basic Welding: Madison Kehoe, MCS; Cosmetology: Emily Tomah, RCS; Culinary: Krishawna Barrett, MCS; Madison Cohen, MCS; Lorenzo Lovett, MCS; Early Childhood Education: Olivia Cruz, RCS; Dixy Dubon Duque, LCS; Briana Luna, LCS; Health Occupations: Brittney Burk, SWCS; Kylie Caudy, MCS; Leila Celic, TVCS; Alejandra Cruz, MCS; Riley Ernst, SWCS; Olga Flores Bonilla, FCS; Haddy Gai, FCS; Stephanie Gonzalez, MCS; Linda Jones, TVCS; Raine Kelly, SWCS; Kaitlyn Lapomarede, MCS; Daniel Milov, FCS; Emily Umbaugh, SWCS; Nevaeh Valree, FCS; Yuliza Vera Soto, MCS; Yanira Wilson, LCS; Innovative Design: Kristina Davis, LMCS; Jacob Wolkoff, LMCS; Natural Resources: Benjamin Ackerly, RCS; Corey Dirie, SWCS; Tyler Lamendola, Ellenville CS; Daniel Rush, TVCS; Nathaniel Viningre, TVCS; New Vision: Caitlin Evans, LMCS; Lauryn Grodin, MCS; Dolce McPherson, FCS; Courtney Rampe, LMCS; Public Safety Services: Erin Duffy, TVCS; Collin Garofolo, RCS; David Hernandez, MCS; Isaac Hernandez, MCS; Amber Keese, MCS; Jack Madera, RCS; Alaniz Ruiz Gongora, RCS; Brenden Ryder, RCS; Brooke Trojahn, TVCS.

Debra Heidt Dunwell, Honor Society Advisor, explained the meaning behind the National Technical Honor Society logo design. The plumb line down the center stands for stability and trueness. The seven stars stand for leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility. Purple represents honor and achievement; white, truth and honesty; and silver, value, and worth. All of these descriptors represent the characteristics of the inductees.

According to Robert Dufour, Ed.D, District Superintendent of Sullivan BOCES. Career & Technical Education helps students prepare for their future and succeed in life. NTHS celebrates the accomplishments of our students, empowering them to know the value and impact of their trades. "Your induction into the NTHS is an outstanding accomplishment. The fact that you achieved this under a worldwide pandemic is extraordinary. You did what you needed to do to succeed, and your accomplishments are honored here tonight. Congratulations, I hope this only one of many honors and accolades that you will receive in your future - you are off to a terrific start," said Dufour.

Sullivan County juniors and seniors enrolled in the Career & Tech Center earn credits toward their high school diploma and gain valuable hands-on experience in a specific trade. Most of the programs also offer the opportunity to earn college credits. Among the wide variety of programs offered at the BOCES are Animal Science, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Broadcasting and Music Production, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Construction/Electrical Technologies, Early Childhood, Health Occupations, New Vision Health, Innovative Design, Natural Resources, Public Safety Services, and Welding. The Career & Tech Center also offers a Pre-Tech Program for 9th and 10th-grade students.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center, visit scooces.org and like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century."



Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert

SBA U.S. Small Business Administration

Governor Cuomo Announces New Guidance Reminding Employers that NY's Paid Sick Leave Law Covers Any Needed Recovery Time from COVID-19 Vaccination

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the New York State Department of Labor is issuing guidance to all employers that any necessary recovery period from the COVID-19 vaccine is covered under the state's Paid Sick Leave Law. According to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, among unvaccinated Americans, 48 percent say they are concerned they "might need to miss work if the side effects of the vaccine make them feel sick for a day or more." This group includes nearly two-thirds, or 64 percent, of unvaccinated Hispanic adults and over half of Black adults, or 55 percent.

"The vaccine is the key to defeating COVID for good and we are doing everything we can to remove any and all barriers to getting shots in arms," Governor Cuomo said. "Despite the side effects of vaccine being extremely limited, some studies have shown that there are individuals avoiding their shot out of fear of missing work the next day. I want to be crystal clear--no New Yorker will miss a day's pay because of getting the vaccine. The Department of Labor will be issuing guidance to all employers reminding them that in the unlikely event someone needs time off after experiencing side effects, by law, that is considered a paid sick leave day. We have COVID on the ropes and we cannot give up now. The vaccine is safe, effective and available and the sooner everyone takes it, the sooner we can put the pandemic behind us and move forward into a brighter future."

On March 12, Governor Cuomo signed legislation granting public and private employees time off to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Under this new law, employees will be granted up to four hours of excused leave per injection that will not be charged against any other leave the employee has earned or accrued.

Governor Cuomo Announces Saratoga Race Course to Open July 15

- *Opening Day Admission Will be Free for Those Who Show Proof of Vaccination, Including Fans With Excelsior Pass*
- *Seating Areas for Fully Vaccinated Patrons Will be Open at 100% Capacity*
- *Designated Seating for Unvaccinated Patrons Will Also be Available*
- *Tickets Go on Sale June 9*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, in conjunction with the New York Racing Association, today announced that Saratoga Race Course will re-open to fans at near full capacity when the 2021 summer meet commences on July 15.

The historic Saratoga Race Course is one of the Capital Region's most storied attractions, drawing over a million New Yorkers and visitors to Saratoga Springs each summer," Governor Cuomo said. "The racing season is quickly approaching, and this year we are excited to welcome fans back to the course with free admission on Opening Day for any individual who shows proof of vaccination. This is all part of New York's rebirth and resurgence as we continue to build back better and stronger from this pandemic."

In order to re-open Saratoga Race Course to fans at near full percent capacity, NYRA will designate most sections for vaccinated fans only, including the popular Saratoga backyard. This policy aligns with current New York State guidance for large outdoor sports and entertainment venues, which allows for fully vaccinated sections to

operate at full capacity without social distancing measures in place.

Alternatively, NYRA will designate a small number of hospitality and seating areas for non-vaccinated fans. Fans in these sections will be required to observe social distancing guidelines and to wear a face covering at all times during their day at Saratoga Race Course.

In addition, all fans who show proof of vaccination through Excelsior Pass - the state's free, fast, and verifiable way to present digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination - on Opening Day, Thursday, July 15, will receive free grandstand general admission. Fans can also present alternate forms of proof of vaccination, including paper form such as their CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, to redeem the free admission.

Visitors to the Saratoga Race Course who are under the age of 16 years old will be allowed to accompany fully vaccinated adults anywhere throughout the track. If not accompanying a fully vaccinated adult, they will be required to stay within the non-vaccinated areas.

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Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect other people.

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

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

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

NATIONAL

DONUT DAY



Same delicious Pumpkin Party donuts!

Friday, June 4, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lower Level Community Room

Donuts available:

Cinnamon Sugar and Plain

\$6.00 per dozen

**Pre-ordering recommended, please call 985-7233
or complete the pre-order form.**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Cinnamon Sugar _____ dozen

Plain _____ dozen

Approximate pick-up time: _____

Thank you!

SC Seeks Companies Interested in Providing Community Services To See if More Can Be Offered Cost-Effectively

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) seeking firms that would be able to provide the programming currently offered by its Department of Community Services (DCS).

"This is exploratory in nature and does not obligate the County," County Manager Joshua Potosek explained. "We simply want to better understand whether the services DCS provides - which are necessarily costly - can be more efficiently delivered without reducing those services."

"If we don't find that to be the case, then we'll continue as present," he added. "If we do find services can be given at lower cost without harming those we serve, then we'll make a recommendation for the Legislature to consider. The State will also have to sign off on any plan that might be proposed."

"This is part of our serious intent to significantly improve our health rankings. In particular, the demand for mental health services is outpacing our capacity to deliver - and that demand is increasing," noted Health & Family Services Commissioner John Liddle, whose division encompasses DCS. "If we can expand and improve access to care in a more responsive, flexible manner, I want to know about it. And if that saves taxpayers' dollars in the process, so much the better."

"The substance abuse crisis is the #1 issue in our health rankings. We have to get a handle on it for the good of everyone in the County, especially those dealing with addiction," remarked Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. "Just like with the Care Center, a public-private partnership is worth exploring, as it's worked well in other municipalities, and our residents deserve the best care we can give them."

"There will be opportunities for the public and staff to weigh in on any changes, if proposed," acknowledged District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "Even if we do go with a particular firm, DCS administration will remain with the County and continue to have oversight of every service. The intent here is to enhance and support our existing services, not to wholesale replace them."

Firms interested in responding to the RFP should visit <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Purchasing/RequestforProposals>.

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES?

Sullivan County's Department of Community Services (DCS) is a component of the Division of Health & Family Services and is based in Liberty at the County's Sunset Lake Road complex. The Department provides direct, confidential services in mental health, alcoholism and substance abuse to all residents of Sullivan County, without regard to age or the severity of their situation. The Department is licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Health, the NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services, and the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

WHAT SERVICES DOES DCS PROVIDE?

Via 43 County employees, 3 contracted psychiatrists, 2 tele-nurse practitioners and 1 tele-psychiatrist, DCS offers:

- o Individual Psychotherapy
- o Marital & Family Counseling
- o Group Therapy
- o Medication Therapy
- o Crisis Intervention/Outreach
- o Court Evaluations
- o Consultation & Education
- o Case Management
- o Anger Management

- o Psychological Testing
- o Treatment Reaching Youth Program (TRY)
- o Coordinated Children's Services Initiative SPOA (Single Point of Access)
- o Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) for substance use disorders (Vivitrol and Suboxone)

WHY IS SULLIVAN COUNTY REQUESTING PROPOSALS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE DCS SERVICES?

The RFP is designed to ascertain the best mix of additional government and private services to meet demand. The Legislature is also interested in determining whether these services - the Mental Health Clinic, Care Coordination, and Chemical Dependency Program - can be provided more cost-effectively without reducing programs or negatively impacting residents. Requesting proposals is exploratory at this time and does not obligate Sullivan County to a particular course of action. County leaders will take into account not just respondents' proposed fees but their experience, reputation, scope of work, effectiveness, ability to provide afterhours/crisis care, and willingness to preserve, enhance and expand existing services while minimizing disruptions in care. The RFP itself is available to view at:

<https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Purchasing/RequestforProposals>.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE? (All dates from June onward are estimates.)

May 28, 2021 - Request for Proposals (RFP) launched

June 25 - RFP response deadline (could be extended upon respondents'/County's request)

June 25 - Proposals opened

July/August - Proposals analyzed by County Manager, Health & Family Services Commissioner, Director of Community Services

September - Recommendation made to the County Legislature

September/October - Legislative discussion and public comment

October/November - Vote by Legislature, if there is a desire to proceed

Next year (2022) - State reviews and issues approvals

End of 2022/Beginning of 2023 - Contracted provider, if selected and approved, assumes operations under purview of County

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE STAFF OF DCS?

If the County decides to move forward with a third-party provider, County employees of DCS will be kept apprised of the progress and will have opportunities to meet with that provider to explore employment offers. If no offer is forthcoming, employees will be given time and assistance to seek other employment, including potentially in other County offices.

WHO WILL OVERSEE DELIVERY OF THESE SERVICES?

The County will retain DCS administrative staff to ensure appropriate delivery of services, and the State will continue to exercise authority over all facets. If the provision of services proves unsatisfactory, the County will be empowered to take necessary measures, from direct conversations with the provider up to and including termination of the entire contract with 60 days' notice.

HOW WILL THE PUBLIC KNOW AND COMMENT ON THIS?

Once County officials deliver a recommendation to the Legislature, legislators will take it up in discussion. The Legislature will accept written comments up to a certain date (to be determined), and the public will have opportunities to speak at regular committee meetings and directly to legislators via phone and email. It is also possible that the Legislature will request one or more potential providers to give a public presentation on their proposal(s).

Governor Cuomo Announces Saratoga Race Course to Open July 15

(From Pg. 32) NYRA President and CEO Dave O'Rourke said, "NYRA thanks Governor Cuomo for the opportunity to welcome fans back to Saratoga Race Course for what is sure to be an unforgettable summer at Saratoga Race Course."

Unvaccinated NYRA personnel who interact with patrons will be subject to a diagnostic test prior to opening day and will be regularly tested thereafter. Unvaccinated NYRA personnel who do not interact with patrons will not be subject to a diagnostic test prior to opening day or after, however they will be required to wear masks and follow standard DOH and CDC social distancing rules.

The 2021 summer meet at the Saratoga Race Course will run from July 15 through September and will feature 76 stakes worth \$21.5 million in total purses. Tickets will go on sale June 9.

Excelsior Pass, which is now being utilized by venues, universities, stadiums and businesses statewide, is a fast, free, and secure way to present digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results that's supporting New Yorkers building back better and safer. New Yorkers can always present alternate forms of COVID-19 vaccination and negative test results, such as paper forms.

Gillibrand Announces Senate Passage of Bipartisan Amendment Calling for Transparent and Thorough Investigation into COVID-19 Origins

Bipartisan Amendment Offered By U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand And Roger Marshall Calls For A Comprehensive Investigation Into the COVID-19 Outbreak

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Yesterday, the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan amendment offered by U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Roger Marshall M.D. (R-KS) that calls for transparency into the World Health Organization's (WHO) potentially flawed report on the origins of the COVID-19 outbreak, which largely dismissed the possibility that the virus had accidentally escaped from a Chinese laboratory in Wuhan. Additionally, the amendment calls for a comprehensive investigation by the U.S. and world allies into the origins of the virus if China continues to obstruct efforts to identify how and when the coronavirus pandemic began.

"There must be a thorough and transparent investigation into the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic-obstruction is completely unacceptable. Our amendment makes clear that the US believes that the previous WHO investigation was flawed, that there must be accountability, and all potential origins of this virus, including a lab leak, must be investigated fully," said Senator Gillibrand.

The passage of the amendment comes on the heels of President Biden's call on U.S. intelligence agencies to double-down on efforts to thoroughly investigate the origins of the coronavirus and report back in 90 days. Biden said that the C.I.A and other intelligence agencies had not yet reached a consensus on how the virus originated in China and indicated that the administration is considering the possibility that the deadly virus was accidentally leaked from a lab.

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Issues Statement on Biden's Budget Proposal

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today released the following statement after President Joe Biden released his Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal outlining \$6 trillion in federal spending. This record level of spending exceeds any budget proposed by a president since World War II.

"President Biden's Budget proposal is economic malpractice. At a time when we need to focus on our recovery by empowering small businesses and supporting families, the Biden Budget does the opposite. It's big government at its worst, with more taxes, greater regulation, and unprecedented spending that will drive our nation toward a grave economic future.

"President Biden's \$6 trillion budget will lead to the highest debt to GDP ratio in our country's history. The plan underfunds our military, eliminates tax cuts for middle class families and retroactively raises taxes on small businesses. Consumers will end up paying more across the board.

"Unemployment is already up, inflation has risen by 4.2%, and the U.S. economy has been crippled by massive government spending. The Biden Budget continues to move our country in the wrong direction. It will derail our recovery and do irreparable harm to our economic freedoms and prosperity."

Gillibrand: We Must Build Off Historic Investment in Federal Security Grant Funding to Keep Jewish and Asian American Communities Safe Against Alarming Rise of Hate Crimes *Gillibrand Leads Annual Bipartisan Funding Push for Nonprofit Security Grant Program*

WASHINGTON, D.C. ---- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement in response to the continued and alarming rise of antisemitic and anti-Asian American hate crimes across New York City:

"The alarming rise of antisemitic and anti-Asian American hate crimes in New York and across the country demands clear and powerful steps to help these communities keep themselves safe. Last year, I led the bipartisan push that secured a record \$180 million for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) funding and we will build on that effort this year in the face of heightened threats to Jewish and Asian American communities, as well as other at-risk faith and communal institutions. In addition, I will once again fight for robust funding for FEMA's Preparedness Grant Programs, including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), which are critical to helping state and local government efforts to combat the rise of domestic violent extremism in all its forms."

UC Executive Ryan Signs Resolution Authorizing the County to Accept \$34.49 Million in Federal Funding

- *County Executive Ryan calls for an Equitable Economic Recovery, focused on housing, mental health, and aiding small businesses to emerge from the pandemic stronger and more resilient*
- *County Executive Ryan announces a series of public hearings and an online survey to engage the public on how the County can utilize the funds to best serve the community*

KINGSTON, NY - Today, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed a resolution unanimously passed by the Legislature authorizing the County to accept \$34.49 million in federal relief funds from the American Rescue Plan. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act providing significant funding to state and local governments. Towns, cities, and villages within the county will also be receiving direct aid from this Act, estimated to be in excess of \$25 million.

“Ulster County is committed to leveraging these once-in-a-generation direct relief funds to ensure that we come out the pandemic stronger and more resilient than before,” said County Executive Pat Ryan. “This is an exceptional opportunity to create a lasting impact on the lives of our residents by creating an Equitable Economic Recovery. As a County, we must seriously look at making critical investments in housing, mental health, helping our small businesses, and more.”

“Listening to the community to inform investments is a top priority of the Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Working Group,” said Legislative Chairman David Donaldson. “These hearings will provide an opportunity for residents to shape how this funding is used and participate in the process. I look forward to working with the Working Group, the Legislature, and County Executive Ryan to ensure the \$34.49 million we will receive in federal funding will have a significant and positive impact on as many residents as possible.”

“This funding will be critical in supporting Ulster County emerging from the pandemic better and smarter than before,” said County Legislature Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk. “We are looking forward to receiving feedback from the community on how we can best invest resources to directly serve residents and build a stronger future for our residents. Thank you County Executive Ryan and my legislative colleagues for your partner-

ship on this and I look forward to working together with you and the working group as we push ahead.”

“The American Rescue Plan funding is an incredible opportunity to invest in our community and help build a stronger Ulster County,” said Democratic Majority Leader Jonathan Heppner, “I look forward to working with County Executive Ryan, Chairman Donaldson, and Leader Ronk as part of the Recovery and Resilience Group and the entire Legislature to receive public input and put forth the best possible actions with these funds. I also want to thank President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Congressman Delgado for their efforts and support of our county.”

Earlier this month, County Executive Ryan and Ulster



Legislative Chairman David Donaldson, County Executive Pat Ryan, and Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright.

County Legislative Chairman Dave Donaldson announced the formation of the Ulster County Recovery and Resilience Working Group. The Working Group will establish high-level priorities and goals to best utilize forthcoming federal relief funds, ensuring the County emerges from the pandemic stronger and more equitable. The Working Group will engage with the public directly to help inform investment priorities and anticipates a draft plan to be submitted to the Legislature for review and approval within 90 days.

Public engagement sessions have been arranged to hear directly from the community on potential investments.

The following public hearings have been set:

June 2nd, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Shawangunk Town Hall

June 7th, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Ulster County Legislative Chambers (also live-streamed)

June 9th, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Onteora Central School District (Building TBD)

Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to visit Ulstercountyny.gov/ARP and fill out a survey. This survey will be used to incorporate public feedback into the County's use of approximately the funding provided by the American Rescue Plan.

The Recovery and Resilience Working Group is be made up of the following members:

David B. Donaldson, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature

Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Minority Leader, Ulster County Legislature

Jonathan R. Heppner, Majority Leader, Ulster County Legislature

Evelyn Wright, Deputy County Executive

Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance and Budget Director
Christopher Kelly, Deputy Budget Director

NYSDEC Officers' Highlights

Operation Early Bird - Statewide

On May 1 - 3, ECOs across the state participated in Operation Early Bird. This initiative took place during the opening weekend of the spring turkey season to help ensure turkey hunters are hunting safely and following New York State DEC turkey regulations. Over the course of the weekend, ECOs responded to more than 60 calls from the public about the hunting season, encountered 550 hunters in the field, noted nearly 40 offenses, and provided additional education and support to those afield.

Duck Rescue - Sullivan County

On May 12, ECO Grose received a report about baby wood ducks found in Woodridge. A worker with a company clearing trees around power lines in the village discovered the baby ducks in a tree that was cut down and quickly notified DEC. Officer Grose arrived and located 10 babies and two eggs about to hatch. ECO Grose contacted a local wildlife rehabilitator, who



advised that the best course of action would be to return to the ducks to a nearby tree. The lively and vocal ducklings quickly adapted to their new home.

DEC Announces Annual 'Outdoors Day' Celebrations Free Events Statewide Over Multiple Days will Feature Family-Friendly Recreation Activities *Supports Adventure NY Initiative to Connect New Yorkers to Nature*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that DEC's annual celebration of 'Outdoors Day' will be held on multiple days this summer and at locations across the state to accommodate social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. DEC is hosting these events at no cost to attendees as part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Adventure NY Initiative (PDF, 10 MB) to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors so that New Yorkers of all ages and abilities can experience a wide range of hands-on recreational activities.

"More and more New Yorkers are getting outdoors close to home and connecting with nature, especially during the pandemic," Commissioner Seggos said. "This year, New York is

celebrating Outdoors Day over multiple days and at multiple locations to make sure all of our communities have the opportunity to get outside and safely enjoy some once-in-a-lifetime experiences and make lasting memories in the process."

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "Now more than ever, New Yorkers are visiting their parks and public lands to connect with nature and to safely explore the great outdoors. This year's Outdoors Day will offer even more opportunities for all New Yorkers to be introduced and celebrate the rewarding experiences that the outdoors provide."

New York's Outdoors Day coincides with National Get Outdoors Day, an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. The events are also consistent with the Governor's 2018 Executive Order to make New York the first age-friendly state in the country. **Outdoors Day is traditionally held on June 12.** At events across the state, participants are encouraged to discover new skills and try out a range of introductory outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, nature walks and hikes, birdwatching, archery, camping, paddling, and more. Participants can also learn important skills for enjoying the outdoors safely and sustainably. New this year is also an event focused on accessible outdoor recreation.

Events and Activities

DEC is hosting family-friendly Outdoors Day events throughout the state throughout the month of June, with most activities on Saturday, June 12. Some programs and demonstrations are scheduled at specific times. Details, including schedules and registration requirements, can be found on DEC's website. Participation is limited and registration is required for most events and not all activities are available at all locations.

Activities at DEC facilities include the following:

Fishing: The I Fish NY program will offer free catch-and-release fishing clinics for all ages. Learn about fishing equipment, techniques, regulations, consumption advisories, and good places to fish. Participants may bring their own gear, but rods and reels will also be available for loan.

Camping 101: Visitors can try their hand at camping basics by pitching a tent on the lawn and learning how to pack for a camping trip. When the day is complete, participants will be prepared for an outdoor adventure of their own.

Paddling: Participants can learn the basics of this fun fast-growing sport and try getting out on the water.

Archery: Participants can try getting a bullseye with a bow and arrow and learn important safety tips.

Birdwatching: Participants can learn how easy and fun it is to enjoy birdwatching almost anywhere.

Hiking: Participants can take a short hike and learn the basics of finding the perfect trails on their own.

Outdoor safety: Learn the basics of being prepared and safe so all outdoor adventures are good ones.

Adaptive outdoor recreation: Experience and learn about adaptive outdoor recreation in the Adirondacks with pontoon boat rides, an adaptive fishing clinic, camping demonstrations, interpretive hikes, and more.

Most sites are wheelchair accessible. Please contact the event coordinator directly with specific accommodation requirements.

The need for outdoor recreation has never been greater. Childhood obesity has doubled over the past 20 years and the average American child spends as few as 30 minutes in unstructured outdoor play each day, and more than seven hours each day in front of an electronic screen. During the COVID-19 pandemic, New Yorkers turned to the outdoors and public lands for a nature break, which is good for physical and mental health. Outdoors Day events support New Yorkers in trying healthy outdoor activities. (Contd. Pg. 38)

DEC Releases Draft 2021-2025 Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda

Comments Accepted on Draft Action Agenda through July 9

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-2025, a five-year blueprint for conserving and restoring the Hudson River estuary and its watershed. DEC is accepting public comments on the draft through July 9, 2021. In addition, DEC released the 2015 - 2020 Hudson River Estuary Program Coordinator's Report, which provides the context for the strategies and actions outlined in the draft Action Agenda.

"The Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda presents a strategic vision for protecting and restoring the river, its valley and watershed for future generations," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC developed the draft Action Agenda with the input of diverse interests throughout the region and I encourage all stakeholders to review it and share their comments. This Action Agenda outlines New York's goals for the Hudson River estuary and sets a course to address the challenges we face, including climate change, environmental justice, and water quality, as well as the protection of fish, wildlife, and habitats."

The Hudson River Action Agenda is updated every five years to address current trends and opportunities. For example, some of the estuary's signature fisheries, such as shad, are in a trend of decline while others, like Atlantic sturgeon, appear to be recovering. Changing land-use patterns in the watershed affect the region's biological diversity and water resources, and climate change and related tidal flooding are affecting community shorelines and river access sites such as parks and preserves. The proposed actions are built around delivering the key benefits people receive from a strong and vibrant Hudson River Estuary ecosystem.

Highlights of the 2021 - 2025 Action Agenda include:

- Research and monitoring to improve the sustainability of migratory fishes;

- Restoration of river habitats;

- Long-term plans to bolster progress being made to better manage wastewater discharges into the Hudson;

- Management for habitat and flood resiliency of tributary streams;

- Assistance to help communities adapt to climate-change impacts and address land use changes;

- Outdoor programs and web-accessible content to inform and engage the public; and

- Enhancements to make sites along the Hudson accessible to more people.

The outcomes included in the Action Agenda are measurable and achievable by 2030, and build on a successful record of progress in each of the Hudson River Estuary Program's core areas of expertise. As described in the 2015 - 2020 Hudson River Estuary Coordinator's Report, from 2015 - 2020, this DEC program provided technical assistance, grants, research, or other support in 163 watershed communities, including at least 700 specific projects. DEC awarded 156 Estuary Program grants totaling more than \$10 million.

The Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee helps guide DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program, and includes representatives of the commercial fishing industry, recreational anglers, utility companies, local government, educators, researchers, conservationists and other river users, and helps engage many representatives of the public in working together toward common goals. DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program was created in 1987 and helps people enjoy, protect, and revitalize the estuary and the Hudson River Valley.

Implementation of the Action Agenda is funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund and carried out through extensive outreach, coordination with state and federal agencies, and public-private partnerships through grants and restoration projects; education,

research and training; natural resource conservation and protection; and community planning assistance.

The Draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-2025 is available on DEC's website. Comments can be emailed with "Action Agenda" in the subject line to hrep@dec.ny.gov or mailed through July 9 to: Hudson River Estuary Program, NYSDEC Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, New York 12561.

DEC Announces Annual 'Outdoors Day' Celebrations

Free Events Statewide Over Multiple Days will Feature Family-Friendly Recreation Activities

Supports Adventure NY Initiative to Connect New Yorkers to Nature

(From Pg. 37) DEC manages nearly five million acres of public lands, including three million acres in the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves, 55 campgrounds and day-use areas, more than 5,000 miles of formal trails, and hundreds of trailheads, boat launches, and fishing piers. Plan your next outdoor adventure and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Instagram.

Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center, said, "We are thrilled to host Outdoors Day at the Catskills Visitor Center with our partners at DEC, and look forward to showcasing the diversity of recreational opportunities the Catskills offer. The whole family can find both information and fun at the Catskills Visitor Center, from fishing on the Esopus River to learning from one of our stewards at the Upper Esopus Fire Tower."

Erik Fyfe, Executive Director at Stony Kill Foundation, said, "The pandemic has reinforced the importance of having places where people can slow down and spend time in nature. At Stony Kill Farm, we have welcomed a surge of new visitors and are so grateful to be able to provide safe opportunities to connect with the outdoors all year long. We look forward to being part of Outdoors Day again this year."

Jason Thurston, Outreach Coordinator at John Dillon Park, said, "John Dillon Park is proud to be teaming up with the DEC Accessibility Advisory Committee to host an open house/accessible outdoor recreation day. There will be many demonstrations about how and where people can find accessible accommodations to experience the great outdoors. Different ways on how to camp, cook, fish, as well as guided nature hikes for people with all different disabilities. Please make reservations at Eventbrite as space is limited."

To improve public safety and encourage visitors to State-owned and managed lands to practice responsible recreation, DEC recently launched the 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign. The campaign is responsive to the steady increase in the number of visitors to state lands, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the decade prior, as more and more New Yorkers and visitors from other states and countries discovered the natural beauty of New York State lands, particularly the Adirondack and Catskill parks. The campaign bolsters ongoing State- and partner-led efforts to educate the public about how to responsibly enjoy outdoor recreation on public lands without negatively impacting natural resources. The campaign will implement a variety of multi-media and in-person strategies to promote Leave No Trace™ principles, hiker preparedness and safety, sustainable use, and responsible trip planning, as well as reinforce the role of DEC professionals who protect public lands and manage public access, including DEC Foresters, Natural Resource Planners, Forest Rangers, Assistant Forest Rangers, and natural resource stewards. For details and more information, visit the Love Our New York Lands webpage.

DEC Reminds Water Recreationists to Clean, Drain, and Dry Watercraft and Equipment to Protect New York's Waters from Invasive Species Boat Stewards to Conduct Boat Inspections and Educate Recreating Public at Boat Launches Statewide

As this year's boating season officially kicks off, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded water recreationists to do their part in protecting New York's waters from aquatic invasive species (AIS) by remembering to clean, drain, and dry watercraft and equipment. Last year, boater traffic increased by nearly 20 percent at some launches and boat stewards counted more than 390,000 boats at launches across the state, a significant increase from the 276,515 watercraft counted in 2019. DEC anticipates more boaters will hit the water this season and with them an increased risk of introducing AIS to New York's waters. Taking proactive steps such as cleaning off fishing tackle, removing aquatic vegetation from rudders, disinfecting boat hulls and water compartments, and properly disposing of bait, significantly reduces that risk.

"Aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, hydrilla, and others can be easily transported from one waterbody to another on boats, trailers, and fishing equipment," said Commissioner Seggos. "Protecting New York's waters is a high priority for DEC. Our lakes and ponds are invaluable in providing wildlife habitat, sustaining our state's fisheries and fishing industry, and offering opportunities for recreation."

Over the last few years, DEC has expanded its boat steward coverage through the Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program, reaching additional recreationists with the Clean, Drain, Dry message. Boat stewards demonstrate how to conduct boat and trailer inspections prior to launching into a new waterbody and provide basic facts about AIS. In 2020, DEC's boat stewards talked with more than 30,000 boaters who were unfamiliar with the boat steward program. These stewards also intercepted more than 19,000 AIS on boats and equipment, including hydrilla, which was removed from boats headed into Lake Champlain and Lake Ontario. Existing hydrilla infestations in Cayuga, Erie, Tioga, Tompkins, and Westchester counties are currently costing New Yorkers more than one million dollars a year in control and mitigation.

"Last fall we opened the new boat launch at Otisco Lake. We are thrilled that this will be one of more than 200 locations participating in the New York State Watercraft Inspection Steward Program," said Matthew Marko, DEC Region 7 Director. "We ask that all recreationists clean, drain, and dry their watercraft and equipment to help protect New York's waters."

"The Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) is looking forward to providing education and outreach at the new Otisco Lake launch and hopes to reach more new boaters," said Hilary Mosher, Coordinator, Finger Lakes PRISM.

To help protect New York's lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams, visit DEC's website for more information on AIS and a step by step guide for ridding boats and equipment of AIS. Today, DEC also released a newly developed public service announcement (PSA) to air across the state reminding boaters to clean, drain, and dry their watercrafts in order to protect state waters. The PSA is now available on DEC's YouTube page.

Find Your Adventure: Love Our NY Lands, Outdoors Day, I Bird NY, and more! Love Our NY Lands!

DEC manages nearly 5 million acres of land, with close to 2,000 miles of trails that provide opportunities for multiple types of recreation for all ages and abilities to enjoy. The 'Love Our NY Lands' campaign encourages visitors to practice responsible recreation without negatively impacting the natural beauty and resources of State lands.

The campaign will implement a variety of multi-media and in-person strategies to promote Leave No Trace™ principles, hiker preparedness and safety, sustainable use, and responsible trip planning, as well as reinforce the role of DEC professionals who protect public lands and manage public access, including DEC Foresters, Natural Resource Planners, Forest Rangers, Assistant Forest Rangers, and natural resource stewards. Learn more about the Love Our NY Lands campaign.

Whether you are going for an hour, or all day, it is important to plan ahead and prepare by checking out the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. By following the Hiker Responsibility Code and carrying the 10 Essentials on all hikes, you can help to ensure that every trip is an enjoyable one.

Learn more about the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves. Both provide users with countless outdoor recreation opportunities. Check out our list of alternative Adirondack hikes. New York also has hundreds of state forests and wildlife management areas that can provide alternate adventures across the state.

If the parking lot is full when you reach it, find an alternate location.

Watch our YouTube playlist for how-tos and inspiration.

In case you missed it, check out our Facebook Live featuring DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and DEC Staffer and LNT Master Educator Eileen Mowrey discussing how to practice Leave No Trace when visiting state lands. Celebrate Outdoors Day with DEC!

A DEC ECO teaching a outdoors day participant how to hit a bullseye at an archery range This June and August, celebrate National Get Outdoors Day with DEC. At events across the state, New Yorkers of all ages and abilities are invited to try a wide range of activities such as fishing, birdwatching, paddling, archery, and more. Participants can also learn important skills for enjoying the outdoors safely and sustainably. New this year is also an event focused on adaptive outdoor recreation. Participation is limited and registration is required for most events. Events will be hosted across the state, throughout the month of June, with most activities scheduled for Saturday, June 12 celebrating National Outdoors Day. Sign ups are now open!

Take the 2021 I Bird NY Challenge!

A grandfather teaching his grandson how to use binoculars to birdwatch on a boardwalk The 2021 I Bird NY Challenges are now open for beginning and experienced birders. Two levels of challenges provide the opportunity to identify birds, learn about birdlife, and win birding equipment. Birdwatching is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities in the U.S, so join in on the fun by getting a start on your life list!

Anyone 16 years of age and younger are eligible to take the Beginner's Birding Challenge (PDF) by identifying 10 common New York bird species and submit their challenge sheet to DEC. Experienced birders can take the I Bird NY Experienced Birder Challenge (PDF). Birders of any age must identify at least 10 different bird species found across New York State. All participants in this challenge will also receive a certificate of participation and be entered into a drawing for birding accessories. (Contd. Pg. 40)

Find Your Adventure: Love Our NY Lands,

Outdoors Day, I Bird NY, and more! Love Our NY Lands!
(from Pg. 39)

Campground Improvements Ready for the 2021 Season

Improvements to the Equestrian Area at Frontier Town Campground DEC announced that all 56 campgrounds and Day Use areas are now open to the public. With reservations at an all time high, several improvements were made across the state in order to improve the visitor experience. DEC has completed improvements at several DEC camping facilities for the 2021 season, including new showers and comfort stations, power and water systems, and equestrian-specific improvements at the Frontier Town campground. Improvements include:

- Sites have been widened to provide more room for horse trailers;
- 10x10 planting pits added between sites to provide for young shade trees and other vegetation, along with hitching posts and fencing;

- A horse care/wash area added near the comfort station in the equestrian area; and

- A manure pit added to the all-season parking area.

Several other campgrounds received upgrades including: Cranberry Lake Campground & Day Use Area, Eagle Point Campground, Narrow Island Campground, Meadowbrook Campground, Little Sand Point Campground, and North South Lake Campground.

Check out the full list of improvements, and find your next campground or day use area to visit.

Explore New Trails this Summer

Erie Canalway Challenge website and logo Ready to run, cycle, roll, walk or paddle to new places this summer? There are two opportunities to take on a new challenge this summer! Explore the Erie Canal by paddling, rolling, cycling, walking or running by taking the Canalway Challenge. Choose your distance goal - first mile, 15, 90, 180, or 360, and conquer all four regions of the Erie Canal and Canalway Challenge.

If you are looking to explore the new Empire State Trail, take the Empire State Trail Virtual Challenge this summer. Sign up individually, or create a team and choose one or all three of the legs. From New York City through the Hudson River Valley, west to Buffalo along the Erie Canal, and north to the Champlain Valley and Adirondacks, there are more ways to enjoy the sights and sounds of New York while staying active and healthy.

Grab A Brew With Your Crew: Take A "Bikes & Brews" Tour in Ulster County

There's something special about summer in Ulster County. What better way to enjoy the warm weather and refreshing sunshine than on a bike, cycling through the scenic mountain roads with the picturesque Catskills as your backdrop? All that biking is bound to make you thirsty - we've got plenty of craft establishments happy to oblige.



Whether it's a weekend with your buds, an escape with the girls, a solo sojourn, or a visit with friends, join the new Ulster County tradition and take a summertime "Bikes & Brews" tour. Here are four popular breweries and distilleries to visit.

Need a bike? Before we begin with our list, you're going to need a bike, right? You're welcome to bring your own, but we have plenty of bike rentals and resources available too.

Looking for a new view? Try a Rail Explorers Tour. Ride a custom-built, pedal-powered Rail Explorer on a decommissioned train rail line alongside the Esopus Creek and through Catskill Mountains' woods. Perfect for families and friend groups.

Also, we want to remind you to please be responsible. If you have had too much to drink, please protect yourself and others - do not try to ride your bike

For more information on "Bikes & Brew" in Ulster County visit: https://ulstercountyalive.com/landing/craftbeverages?utm_source=summer_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bikes_brews

State Accepting Rental Assistance Applications Starting June 1

Liberty, NY - Beginning June 1, the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (ODTA) will take applications from people seeking help in paying rent and/or utilities.

"This is an opportunity for anyone who is truly struggling with covering the costs of daily life, especially in the destructive wake of the COVID-19 pandemic," Sullivan County Health & Family Services Commissioner John Liddle affirmed. "It's called the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), and it opens June 1 at 9 a.m."

Households approved for ERAP may receive: Up to 12 months of rental arrears payments for rents accrued on or after March 13, 2020.; Up to 3 months of additional rental assistance if the household is expected to spend 30 percent or more of their gross monthly income to pay for rent; Up to 12 months of electric or gas utility arrears payments for arrears that have accrued on or after March 13, 2021;

Payments will be made directly to the landlord/property owner and utility company on behalf of the tenant. Tenant applicants will be notified of the amounts paid on their behalf. If a landlord is difficult to locate or does not otherwise provide information needed to complete the application, funds will be held for up to 180 days to allow sufficient time to locate the landlord and collect required information as well as to provide tenant protections and maximize landlord participation.

Applications can be made starting June 1 at www.otda.ny.gov/programs/Emergency-Rental-Assistance or at 1-844-691-7368. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

For Tenants

York residents, regardless of immigration status, are eligible for ERAP if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Household gross income is at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) - in Sullivan County, that is \$40,250 a year for a one-person household, \$46,000 for two people, \$51,750 for three, \$57,450, for four and so on.
- On or after March 13, 2020, 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 is obligated to pay rent at their primary residence and has rental arrears (rent overdue) at their current residence for rent owed on or after March 13, 2020; The household must be at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which can be demonstrated by having rental arrears owed on or after Mar. 13, 2020;

Households eligible for rental arrears may also be eligible for help paying utility arrears at the same rental unit.

Visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/Emergency-Rental-Assistance> to see what documents and identification are necessary to prove eligibility.

For Landlords

Landlords and property owners will need to provide: Completed W-9 tax form; Executed lease with tenant applicant, or if there is no written lease, a cancelled check, evidence of funds transfer or other documentation of the last full monthly rent payment; Documentation of rent due from tenant (e.g. ledger, etc.) or attestation on application; Banking information to receive direct deposit payment.

The property owner or an authorized property management company will be required to sign the application form and associated certifications agreeing that the information provided, including the amount of rental arrears owed, is accurate and does not duplicate a payment received from another program.

There are further conditions listed at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/Emergency-Rental-Assistance>.

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 20

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

*******REMINDER Masks are required and limited seat capacity!
***All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver
form and have their temperature taken*****

Take-outs are available 985-7270

\$50 from the breakfast is donated to The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

CATSKILL TRAVELERS 2021 REVISED 5/17/21 INTEREST SHEET & SAVE THE DATES

Please note this **REVISED** Interest Sheet. We need to encourage more people to sign up to keep the price down. A major change, instead of adults of all ages, now children can be included as well. Some travelers were interested in bringing their teens, grandchildren, etc., so let's ALL have some fun! Please pass the word about these incredible trips to friends, family, groups & neighbors the more the merrier! If we do not have enough interest in a trip, it may be necessary to cancel it. Prices can be subject to change. Checks can be held for future trip or sent back if requested. Please send separate trip checks for EACH different outing to hold your spot, payable to Donna Schuelie. (Not Donna Hassis Schuelie.) 29 Hickory Lane, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Please put the name of the outing in the notes section & don't forget to put the entr@e choice where applicable. **IMPORTANT:** Since your choices will now change due to various trips being cancelled, please complete and send in this new sheet NOW/ASAP, so I can adequately schedule and keep prices down. Thank you all so much. Let's have a great time and leave the problems of the world behind...

TRAVELER'S NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

Please note this REVISED Interest Sheet. Some are still skeptical of traveling so soon due to the Pandemic, therefore, various trips needed to be cancelled. The Smoky Mountain/Titanic trip is still on, however, **we need to encourage more people to sign up to keep the price down. A major change, instead of adults of all ages, now children can be included as well.** Some travelers were interested in bringing their teens, grandchildren, etc., so let's ALL have some fun! **Please pass the word about these incredible trips to friends, family, groups & neighbors the more the merrier!** If we do not have enough interest in a trip, it may be necessary to cancel it. Prices can be subject to change. Checks can be held for future trip or sent back if requested. Please send **separate trip checks for EACH different outing** to hold your spot, payable to Donna Schuelie. (Not Donna Hassis Schuelie.) 29 Hickory Lane, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Please put the name of the outing in the notes section & don't forget to put the entr@e choice where applicable. **IMPORTANT: Since your choices will now change due to various trips being cancelled, please complete and send in this new sheet NOW/ASAP,** so I can adequately schedule and keep prices down. Thank you all so much. Let's have a great time and leave the problems of the world behind...

____ YES ____ NO \$55. How many? ____ Entree: _____ Music tribute to **Billy Joel**, let's meet at the **Villa Roma Resort**, meal, music & incredible show, raffle. **June 8. 10:30 a.m.** * **Entree choice put on ck.:** Roast Loin of Pork, Chicken Parmigiana over Linguini, or Flounder Francese.

____ YES ____ NO \$55. How many? ____ Entree: _____ Music tribute to **Neil Diamond**, see you at the **Villa Roma Resort**, meal, music, camaraderie, raffle & show. **June 15. 10:30 a.m.** * Entee choice on ck.: Roast Loin of Pork, Chicken Parmigiana over Linguini, or Flounder Francese.

____ YES ____ NO \$677 double/\$870 single, circle one. How many? ____ **Smoky Mountains of Tenn.** featuring the memorable **Titanic Tour** where you'll be given the name of a real passenger; you get to see their/your fate in the end, lodging, meals, shows, scenery, Gatlinburg, lots more. **JUNE 21-25.** This will be an **INCREDIBLE** trip!!! Pass the word. Use back of sheet.

____ YES ____ NO ____ MAYBE \$725 double/\$810 single. How many? ____ **Scenic New Hampshire**, transp., lodging, meals, narrated cruise, Kancamagus Scenic Highway with picture spots, Conway Scenic train ride, Loon Mt. Gondola ride, shopping, and more. **8/29-9/1.**

____ YES ____ NO ____ MAYBE \$90. How many? ____ Incredible day trip w/transportation, **Oktoberfest at The Waterfront at Silver Birches**, streusel cake & strudel making demonstration, make your own pretzels, music, dancing, **OPEN BAR**, German meal & show, gift shopping. 10/6. 9:15 a.m. pickup, depart 4:00 p.m. Prize for the most Oktoberfest spirited outfit. (\$2 bus tip not included.)

____ YES ____ NO ____ MAYBE \$565 double/\$680 single. How many? ____ **Riding the Rails in West Virginia**, transportation, lodging, meals, scenic train rides, cavern tour, Blackwater Falls State Park, and more. **10/18-20.** Tentative pickup time 7 a.m.

____ YES ____ NO ____ MAYBE \$55. How many? ____ **Caesar's Extravaganza, 7 course lunch**, wine on every table, hysterical costume show and music, raffle, meet at the Villa Roma. Incredible experience!!! **10/26.** 10:30 a.m. ***Full use of the resort throughout the day!***

____ YES ____ NO ____ MAYBE \$55. How many? ____ Entree _____ **Holiday Tribute show**, meet at Villa Roma for a meal, holiday show & raffle. **12/1. 10:30 a.m.** ***Full use of resort throughout the day.** Entrees: Roast Turkey, Leg of Lamb, or Shrimp Scampi.

Please provide comments & *names of attendees on back.* Please text or call with any questions.

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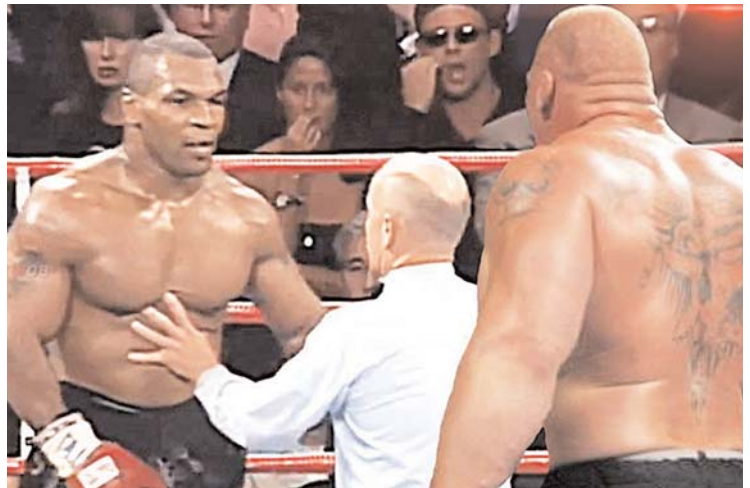
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