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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony

MEMORIAL DAY -2022

Memorial Day 2022 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The event will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of Army Veteran, **Archibald Dulaff**. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag presented by the Hynson Family, which will fly for six months, in honor of **Elton Hynson**, a Navy Veteran that served from 1959 - 1969.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and Cub Scout Troop 87, as well as the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

Town of Olive Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Monday, May 30, 2022 at 9:30 a, m, - There will be a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to honor those brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives to defend the honor and principles of our great nation. We encourage you to come and support our effort to provide the community with a suitable program for this National Holiday. If you are a Town of Olive group and would like to be a part of this celebration, please contact American Legion Post 1627 at P. O. Box 286 Shokan, N. Y. 12481.

The Parade will begin at the West Shokan Post Office on Route 28A and proceed to the Town Hall Building on Watson Hollow Road. At the Town Hall, the Parade turns left and goes to the pavilion in Davis Park adjacent to Town Hall. In the event of rain, the Memorial Ceremony will still be held in the pavilion at Davis Park.

Tri-Valley Students Present Narcan Training Classes

Jill Hubert-Simon, Public Health Educator and Janna Walter, RN from



Armaan Butler

Sullivan County Public Health, along with Tri-Valley students, Armaan Butler and Brandon Schultz conducted a fact-finding presentation and a training session for administering Narcan for students and the community on Wednesday evening at Tri-Valley Central School.

As a project for their Social Justice class, the two stu-

dents felt the need to become active in making the public aware of the statistics in Sullivan County relative to Opioid use and the importance of Narcan training. After researching and learning the facts, they were prepared to share their information and teach students and members of the community how to administer Narcan.



Brandon Schultz

When the session concluded, those who were eligible received a certificate indicating they had attended the training session and had adequate knowledge for them to properly administer Narcan when needed. They also received a Narcan Kit.

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? Romans 8:24

OBITUARIES

Herbert Paul Lepke, Jr. of Avon Park, FL formerly of Neversink, NY, died Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Advent



Health Hospital, Sebring, FL. He was 87.

The son of the late Herbert Paul and Francis Irene Langa-beer Lepke, he was born April 10, 1935 in Ellenville,

NY.

Herbert proudly served Our Country in the US Army; he was a member of the First Methodist Church of Ulster Heights and had been a Mason. He was a retired NY State Forest Ranger; a dedicated volunteer fireman for the Neversink Fire Department; he loved to fish, hunt and trap - driven by his passion for the outdoors. Woodworking also provided Herb with great satisfaction and joy. In his younger years, he often lent his carpentry skills to others in need. In his later years, Karen Ulrich Hess introduced Herb to carving, winning several ribbons in competitions. When a tool was not in his hand, you could find him at Sebring Golf Links playing in the scramble. Herb would present one of his eagle carvings to his fellow golfers who hit a "Hole in One."

Herb was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Georgianna Lepke at home; his daughter, Kim L. Czak and her husband John of Springwater NY; his grandchildren, Joseph Czak of Longmont, CO, and Cayli Czak, of St. Augustine, FL; his brother, Roy W Lepke of Ulster Heights Ellenville, NY; several nephews, nieces and cousins; his God daughter, Tracy Bullock Magie; his unrelated daughter, Sarah Clark Kitchen; one brother-in-law, David Hadley of NH; and one sister-in-law, Melody Hadley Deputy of FL.

Graveside services and burial will be Friday, May 27, 2022 at 11 AM in the Ulster Heights Cemetery, Ellenville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Herb's name may be made to Ulster Heights United Methodist Church, C/O Marilyn Rogerson, 72 Tamarack Rd, Greenfield Park, NY 12435.

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

Helen Klinger, of Woodbourne, passed away on May 20, 2022. She was 89.

Helen was born in Callicoon on November 23,

1932 to Harry and Helen Snyder. She was married to Leo Klinger for 59 years and lived in Woodbourne for many years.



She was pre-deceased by her husband, Leo Klinger

and her daughter, Teresa "Terry" Greaves. She is survived by her children, Ronald Klinger (Cindy), Donna Denué (Rick), and Diane Cole (Larry); her grandchildren, Chris (Jaime), Jessica Geyer, Ronald Klinger (Jade), and Jonathan Klinger; and great-great-grandchildren, Liam, Jaily, Odin, Louisa, and Johanna; and her brother, Tom Snyder.

Family was most important in Helen's life, and she enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed working with her flowers, crocheting, and playing cards with friends. She was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Senior Games for many years.

Donations in Helen's memory may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, at www.stjude.org or by mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

At Helen's personal request, no services were held and her burial was private.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, in Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, please contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at www.colonial-familyfuneralhomes.com.

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OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

Thelma G. Cole, of Woodbourne, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at The Care Center at Sunset Lake, Liberty, NY. She was 93.

She was the daughter of the late Oscar and Gladys (Dice) Houghtaling, born on September 9, 1928 in Claryville, NY.

Thelma worked as a school bus driver for Gershowitz for the Tri-Valley School District for thirty-five years until her retirement. She cared for the kids on her route as if they were her own. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children

Ellen Bertholf of North Carolina, Lorraine Dolgas and her husband Thomas of Vermont, Michael B. Cole and his wife Lori of Neversink, and Wendy Cole-Dean of Loch Sheldrake; Sam (David) Bertholf of North Carolina who was like a son to Thelma; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband, whom she was married to for over 70 years, Raymond M. Cole who passed away in 2021 as well as two grandchildren Chad and Kurt Bertholf; siblings Isabelle Gerow, Dot Conklin, Bradley, Virgil "Budge", Norway "Bozo" and Donald Houghtaling; and son-in-law Marvin "Mike" Bertholf.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the Staff at The Care Center at Sunset Lake for their help in caring for Thelma when she needed it most.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 2pm at Claryville Cemetery.

Donations in Thelma's name can be made to the Care Center Family Council, P.O. Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Thelma Cole, please visit our Tree Store

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****June 4, 1952**

Raymond Denman was the winner of the tractor operators' contest held in Hurleyville last week. The purpose of this contest was to select the 8 boys with the best score following the tractor maintenance course recently completed. In addition to having Ray in first place, Tri Valley had Frank Carlsen in 6th place. These two boys will be trying to win the honor of representing Sullivan County at the State Fair. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:**Clean your iron's soleplate**

To remove scorch marks from the soleplate of your iron, scrub it with a paste made by heating up equal parts vinegar and salt in a small pan. Use a rag dipped in clean water to wipe away the remaining residue.

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

Poppies - A Symbol of Remembrance

The luminescent, scarlet red-orange crepe-paper like four inch blossoms of the Oriental Poppy in our garden are just about ready to burst into bloom - as they do just about every year - in time for Memorial Day Weekend. The stunning blossoms are synonymous as a symbol of remembrance to all those who served in our armed forces.

Oriental poppies, *Papaver orientale*, are an old-fashioned flower that remains alluring. They burst forth with blossoms up to 6-inches in bowl-shaped blooms in shades of orange, red, scarlet, pink white and even purple on single stems with deeply cut, hairy leaves with upright stems. In the center of the petals is the stigma, which is the outer element of the pistil - the female reproductive organ. Surrounding the pistil are stalklike stamens called filaments, capped by lozenge-shaped anthers. The anthers are where pollen is produced. These are the male organs. Poppies are usually insect-pollinated, however, the species is more or less self-fertile as the anthers burst before the flowers open, and self-pollination can occur ahead of cross-pollination. Seeds ripen and shed 3-4 weeks after flowering. An isolated plant may have more than 500,000 seeds!

Originally from alpine areas of central Asian countries including Turkey, Georgia, Armenia and Iran, the poppies were introduced to Europe in the early 18th century after French botanists conducted an expedition to central Asia. Plant breeders have continued to develop the colors and selections. The original brilliant orange flower is only one of the many selections available today. In addition, the original single layer of thin petals has been joined by blooms with double layers and others with varying degrees of ruffles or frayed edges.

The Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*) is the largest and most eye-catching of the poppies and grows 18-36 inches tall and blooms in late spring to early summer.

The poppy gets its name from the Latin word 'pappa' meaning milk. This is in reference to the cut flower stems that leak a sticky, latex sap that looks like milk.

The foliage of Oriental poppy dies after flowering. By the end of August, the Poppy foliage will again push up, breaking the Poppies' pre-determined weeks of summer dormancy. Oriental Poppies require two dormancy periods, one in summer and one in the cold chilling winter dormancy that ensures the flowers will bloom and continue to be a symbol of remembrance - peace and reconciliation for all.

The poppy came to be the symbol of remembrance of those who gave their lives in WWI after the publication of the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



**Remember our
Veterans this
Memorial Day
Weekend**

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty Terwilliger to James Caruso Jr., son of

Mr. and Mrs. James Caruso of Ellenville. Miss Terwilliger is employed by H. Rosenstock & Sons. Mr. Caruso is presently serving in the United States Navy. No date has been announced for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith held an open house at their home on the Sundown Road to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Over seventy guests attended in spite of the discouraging weather.

May 30, 1962

Western Union has recently completed the installation of a micro-wave tower on top of Thunder Hill. This is one of a chain, spaced about twenty or twenty-five mile apart, stretching from Boston to California and due to be completed in September.

Manville B. Wakefield has received word of the selection of his oil, "The White Fence" for hanging in the 27th Annual Regional Exhibition of the Albany Institute of History and Art.

The men of the R.D. Church met one evening last week to discuss ways and means of getting water into the church hall.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Krom who were married last Saturday. The now Mrs. Krom was guest of honor at a bridal shower on last Tuesday evening given by the Willing Workers of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Mr. Eugene Fuller of the Woodbourne Road was very much surprised while fishing in the Sawkill Creek by the visit of a rattlesnake. He killed the snake and has a souvenir of eleven rattles and a button.

June 7, 1972

At the annual poster contest sponsored by the Sullivan County Sportsmen's Show, first place was won by Mark Peterson, a senior at Tri-Valley. Mark will be awarded \$25 savings bond as a result of his effort.

Second honors were taken by Simone Murphy and Debby Wakefield who tied. Third place was awarded to Marty Rubenzahl.

The Neversink Boy Scouts were asked to conduct a fundraising campaign for the 197 March of Dimes. Several scouts from Troop 8 volunteered to participate in the drive, they were: David Morris, Joe McAber, Donald Bardwell, Robert Friedman, Arty, Marty and Murray Rubenzahl and Ricky Fairbairn. These scouts raised a total of \$70.00.

June 3, 1982

On Tuesday evening, the Ronech Chapter of the National Honor Society

held its annual induction ceremony. The new members are: Dawn Crowfoot, Susie Davis, Dean Hall, Lori Kelly and Jill Manell.

Susan Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cross of Hurleyville, was crowned Sullivan County Dairy Princess for the 1982 year at a ceremony held at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon. Susan's crown was placed by the 1981 Sullivan County Dairy Princess, Nancy Conjura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conjura of Grahamsville.

Elyse Hornbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck received recognition at the Honors Convocation for being on the Dean's List for 4 semesters at Brockport State University. Elyse was also recognized for outstanding academics.

THANK YOU
from the Boy Scouts of
Troop 97
to all the people that
supported us at the
Fish Fry Fundraiser that
we held on May 21st
We sold 380 meals.

Please look out for
our next fundraiser
sometime this coming fall.

County's Financial Reporting Lauded as Exemplary

Monticello, NY - For the 31st consecutive time, the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office has been accorded the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA.



*Sullivan County Treasurer
Nancy Buck*

The award was given after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of transparency and full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it.

"This much-appreciated recognition represents a significant amount of daily work that

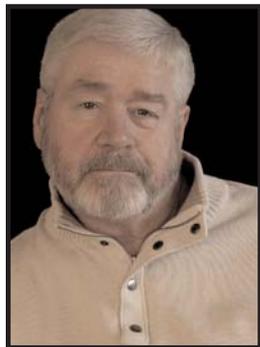
County staff are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "I am deeply grateful for my staff - not only the diligence in which they carry out their duties, but the way they conduct themselves with the public they serve. They make it a pleasure to come to this office."

The GFOA is a nonprofit association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC.

The Handler

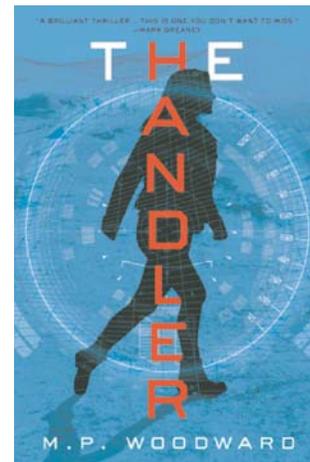
Mysterious Book Report No. 491

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



The Handler, (Penguin Random House, \$27.00, 448 pages, ISBN 978-0-5934-4163-3), by M.P. Woodward, is written by a debut author whose real-life experiences as a Naval Intelligence Officer working with U.S. Special Forces, CIA and NSA clandestine operations through-out the Middle East, Persian Gulf and Far East, makes Mr. Woodward exquisitely well qualified to write about the covert doings which are being carried out all over the world in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy.

The novel begins when a mole, code named Cerberus, five years incommunicado, anonymous, and working somewhere deep inside the Iran uranium enrichment program, reaches out and tries to contact his old handler, a man named John Dale . . . a former spy who's since been drummed out of the CIA in disgrace . . . a man Cerberus knows only as "Reza." Cerberus seems ready to defect, but the only person he trusts enough to deal with, is John "Reza" Dale, whose ex-wife Meredith, is now the head of the CIA's Counter-Proliferation Division, is given the unenviable job of trying to coax him out of his forced retirement. Dale is reluctant and bitter, feeling it was a superior's incompetence and malfeasance that got him axed in disgrace –and it's only after a botched murder attempt by a Russian Special Forces hit team at his remote northwest mountain home that he agrees to be reactivated. Thereafter, the novel continues from several points-of-view, including a beautiful female Russian agent and assassin, a lieutenant colonel with the Iranian Quds forces: a branch of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, and Cerberus himself, among others. Conflicts come fast and furious as Dale tries to shake off the rust, extract the beleaguered Iranian scientist, elude the Russians and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards . . . stay alive long enough to tell the tale . . . and maybe even exonerate himself in the process. This is an electrifying and edge-of-the-seat nail-biter in which the action never stops and the twists just keep on coming!!



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are now available at the
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Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County!

Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1st through June 30th

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is set for **April 1 through June 30, 2022**. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. "One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about."

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, on or after March 21 at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparcs@sullivan.org.



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FCSD Passes Budget and Elects New BOE Member

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz announced to the Fallsburg Central School District staff the passage of the School Budget and the election results of the Board of Education membership seats on the ballot. He thanked the school community for approving our 2022-23 budget! He added that the Board of Education and Administration worked hard to put a budget together that balances what our students need with what taxpayers can afford. The District's budget season goal was to create a tax levy decrease. That goal was achieved. The tax levy is 1.67% less than the previous school year's tax levy.

Dr. Katz congratulated and welcomed the newest member of the Board of Education, Ms. Colleen Picciotti. Ms. Picciotti was voted into office this past May 17, 2022 and assumed the role of Board Member on May 18, 2022. Additionally, Fiorella Muscia won her seat. Regina McKenney-Snead won the vacated seat of Debra Barbiani, and Arlene Hussey won her seat.

Concluding his statement, the Superintendent of Schools said, "I would like to thank our school community for supporting us and I would like to congratulate our school board winners and wish us all the very best of everything as we move forward."

FCSD Honors Class of 2022 Scholars

On May 3, 2022, Fallsburg High School Principal Kyle Roddey introduced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2022 during a brief ceremony in the main lobby of the school.



Superintendent of FCSD Dr. Ivan Katz, Salutatorian Jonathan Espinoza, Valedictorian Nabihah ShahJahan, and FHSJH Principal Kyle Roddey.

Valedictorian Nabihah ShahJahan and Salutatorian Jonathan Espinoza worked hard to maintain the highest-grade point averages over the years and earn these distinctions. Principal Roddey acknowledged their achievement and congratulated the family members present.

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz thanked the parents for the values they placed on education and for their influence on guiding their children to this special moment in their lives. Fallsburg was proud of their scholarship and academic excellence. Guidance counselor Meryl Giarrizzo praised Nabihah and Jonathan as well. The proudest people at the event were the family members, Mirza ShahJahan, Nabihah's father, Edgar and Jeannette Espinoza, father and mother of Jonathan, and his brothers Jaedon and Jacob. The families show the diversity of the Fallsburg school population. Nabihah's family emigrated from Pakistan in 2014 and Jonathan's dad came to Fallsburg in 1985. His mom was born in Woodridge and her heritage is from Puerto Rico.

Both students will be attending SUNY Sullivan in the fall and will eventually be attending four-year colleges after that.

Visit the North & South Poles Courtesy of Renowned Local Explorer *Rediscovered Photos from Dr. Cook Going on Exhibit*

Hurleyville, NY - Frederick Cook was an Arctic and Antarctic explorer, writer, ethnographer, physician and photographer.

And he was born in Hortonville, right here in Sullivan County.

Thus the Frederick Cook Society is pleased to present - at the Sullivan County Cultural Center and Museum in Hurleyville - an exhibition of rare historic photographs by Dr. Cook. The collection, which includes images from both the South and North Poles, comes to the County courtesy of the Ohio State University Byrd Polar Center and the Library of Congress.



*Three Ona women from the now lost
Tribe of Tierra del Fuego*

Also included will be a collection of photographs taken by Dr. Cook in Alaska between 1903 and 1908. These images of glaciers, icebergs, lakes, Inuits and animals have been printed from a box of vintage negatives found in the County Museum's basement.

The exhibition opens June 10, with a reception from 5-7 p.m., followed by a brief talk by author Julian Sancton, whose recently published book, "Madhouse at the End of the Earth," tells the story of Dr. Cook's 1897 journey into Antarctica aboard the Belgian exploration ship Belgica. During that voyage, led by Belgian Royal Navy officer Adrian de Gerlache, the ship spent 13 months trapped in pack ice.

In an 1898 diary entry, Dr. Cook described the situation: "We are imprisoned in an endless sea of ice... We have told all the tales, real and imaginative, to which we are equal. Time weighs heavily upon us as the darkness slowly advances."



The Belgica in the Gerlache Strait

Cook. The Society has a gallery and a research library in the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum, located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. To learn more, visit www.frederickcookpolar.org or on Facebook @Friends of Frederick Cook. You can also call the Cook Society at 845-434-8044.



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The Belgica's 19-member crew struggled with boredom, scurvy, and madness. Dr. Cook is often credited with saving their lives. He implemented dietary changes, light therapy, exercise, and a visionary plan to cut channels through the ice and free the ship. The men who survived became the first group of explorers to overwinter in Antarctica.

Dr. Cook was also widely known for his good nature, and this quality endeared him to the Inuit people. Cook learned the Inuit language and used his medical training to care for their sick. When he returned to New York, he had a collection of Inuit artifacts, including bone carvings, hunting tools, soapstone talismans, sealskins, and beaded items. A selection of these pieces will be included in the exhibition.

The Frederick Cook Society is a worldwide organization of people interested in the life and work of Dr.



The Belgica frozen in ice, taken by moonlight, June 3, 1898, with an exposure time of an hour and a half.

Memorial Day is on the Horizon

If you're fishing around for things to do this weekend, come on up to the Sullivan Catskills. There is so much fun on tap you'll need to take Monday off to recover.

Start by grabbing a place to stay for the weekend. You can choose luxury at a full-service resort, cool contemporary at an inn, country quaint at a B&B, or self-service at a vacation rental for 2 or the whole gang. And if you're an outsider, well then sleep under the stars at a campground.

Memorial Day is on the horizon and that means our Sullivan Catskills comes alive with festivals, music and more.

Memorial Day 2022 in the Tri Valley area will be observed at 11:00 am on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

Liberty Memorial Day Parade - May 30, 2022 - 10:30a.m. - Main Street to Liberty Veterans Cemetery

The Bradstan Cabaret Series will be starting **May 29**

For an up-to-date list of activities visit: <http://sullivancatskills.com>

We're close. Just a 90-minute drive from Manhattan and the metro NY-NJ area. Come for the good food. Bring your friends and have some good times. See you soon!

Peekamoose Valley Camping 2022

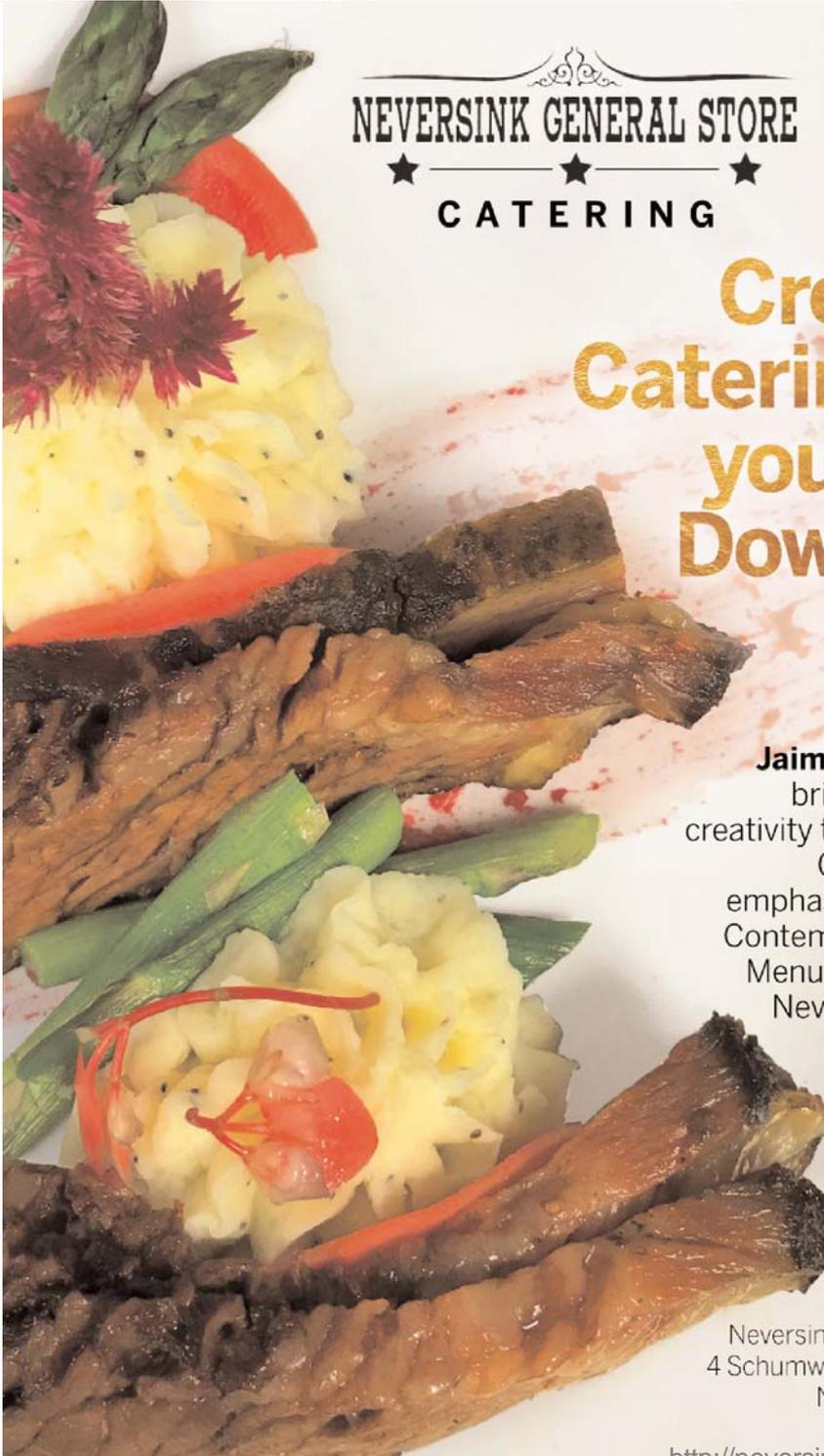
The Peekamoose Valley (County Route 42 in the Town of Denning) is a popular rustic camping area. Camping permits are now required to reserve primitive tent sites in the Lower, Middle, and Upper fields from May 15- September 15 of each year. Camping is restricted to reserved, designated campsites marked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

Food, gas and other supplies can be found nearby at the Neversink General Store in Neversink, NY, food and supplies at the Grahamsville Deli, Grahamsville, NY and Camp supplies, snacks, beer, soda can also be purchased at 3 Golden's in Sundown.

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

Visitors are required to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, at:

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/peekamoose-blue-hole/NY/5935/overview>



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SC Property Redemption Date Extended to June 30

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck announced today that properties delinquent on their 2019 and 2020 taxes can be redeemed by June 30, 2022.

"We had previously extended the redemption date from January 31 to April 30 to accommodate those struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially since our office was closed to the public for a period in 2020," she explained. "We asked the court to allow us to extend the redemption deadline further to June 30, because a number of property owners told us that they were still waiting to receive NYS Homeowners Assistance Fund payments to cover those taxes."

"We wanted to be fair and as accommodating as possible. It's important that we give every opportunity we can to people legitimately struggling to pay their taxes," Buck added. "But this is a firm deadline. After June 30, properties with taxes delinquent from 2020 or earlier will go straight to the tax auction."

State law permits owners of properties facing foreclosure to "redeem" their properties - removing them from the foreclosure list - by paying the outstanding taxes and associated penalties.

"I want to point out that this is not a repurchase or installment program - that opportunity has already passed," Buck noted. "Payment must be made in full by June 30 in order to redeem a property."

Additionally, next year's redemption program will adhere to the usual pre-pandemic guidelines, including the standard January 30 deadline. Taxpayers should not expect or count on an extension.

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

Whatever else you do, set aside the time between 2pm and 4pm, Sunday, June 5th for the FIRST SUNDAY at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM and the Grammy winning DIRTY STAY OUT SKIFFLERS. I caught them at CABERNET FRANK'S last summer and I can honestly say they were totally delightful. 'Skiffle' is actually a type of music developed in the 1920s and 30s that incorporates Blues, Jazz, and American Folk music that is played on home-made instruments that you are not going to recognize! The sounds are perfectly in tune and I remember thinking "that sort of sounds like..." and a few bars later "no, it sort of sounds like...". And the whole evening was remarkable! Beyond the technical, this is one FUN group. One of those that will make a person smile in spite of themselves.

June 4th is the UFO Fair in Pine Bush; 10AM to 4

And also June 4, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND with JIMMY SWEETWATER will be at the ARROWHEAD RANCH in Parksville

And and June 6 is FIRST MONDAY Open Mic at the TANGO CAFÉ in Hurleyville.

And and June 10 is the talk and book signing at the SULLIVAN COUNTY Historical Society and MUSEUM for MADHOUSE AT THE END OF THE EARTH.

And and Saturday, June 11 CRAWDADDY is back at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville.

And and andok, ok, I'm getting WAY ahead of myself. There's a big three day weekend coming up so let's see what's happening for THIS COMING weekend....

CASWYN MOON will be hosting the Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S on Wed, May 25; 7pm

Also on Wednesday, May 25th, THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE hosts an Open Mic; 7pm

Friday, May 26th, CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY grace the stage at THE CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor; 7pm

Saturday, May 28 at 2pm, THE RIVER RAMBLERS will be out at the CATSKILL BREWERY in Livingston Manor. I have been wanting to get out to see them for what seems like forever. STACY COHEN is a fine musician, as is this band as a whole.

Or you can take the ride out to Callicoon on Sunday, May 29 where THE RIVER RAMBLERS will be on the outside stage at the opening of the WESTERN HOTEL; 2pm.

And from there, you can wander down to RAFTERS and catch some of their Open Mic; 2-4pm

I guess summer has arrived!!!

I am also looking forward to seeing how the brilliant artist, BOSCO SODI, will transform the old Buick dealership on Broadway in Monticello. Being across from the Court House is a good move. I have read everything I can get my hands on, and although it has been labeled as either a gallery or a museum, it has also suggested that it will be an 'art space', offering music events, maybe theatre events. I'd like to see it all happen. And I'd really like to see it still be flourishing a year from opening.

After yet another brush with someone who was with some-

one who tested positive, I'm convinced that even with outside venues, I'll be the one in the mask covered in hand sanitizer.

But I WILL be out there

Until next time.....

Grammy-Winning Local and Bandmates Headed to County Cultural Center June 5 Part of First Sunday Concert Series in Hurleyville

Hurleyville, NY - Save some time Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. to meet the Dirty Stay Out Skiffers!



The Sullivan County Historical Society's First Sunday Concert Series will present this Hurleyville-based band that has been touring for more than 20 years, sharing their unique blend of blues, folk, old timey, Tin Pan Alley pop to folks throughout the Northeast. The band features Grammy-winner Rick Nestler on 12-string guitar and vocals, Dan Berger on harmonica, and Donna Nestler on banjo and vocals.

In 2017, The Skiffers released their first CD, "Late Night, Early Morning," influenced by such greats as Bessie Smith, Gus Cannon, Jim Kweskin Jug Band, Maria Muldaur, David Bromberg, The Quarrymen and Hot Tuna.

Rick Nestler wrote the Hudson River Anthem, "The River that Flows Both Ways," which Pete Seeger liked so much he recorded twice, with Rick accompanying him on the Grammy-winning CD, "Tomorrow's Children." You can read more about Rick on his website at <http://www.ricknestler.com>.

Donna Nestler is classically trained in flute, bassoon and guitar, but she plays the banjo, a four-stringed instrument with a small banjo body and a fretted ukulele neck. Donna has traveled the world performing, teaching and convincing people that "banjoleles rule."

Dan Berger is an outstanding blues harmonica player who studied with Joe Filisko, Phil Wiggins and countless others.

The Skiffers have been fortunate to play with some very fine musicians, among them Pete Seeger, Tom Chapin, Jay Unger & Molly Mason, Bill Vanaver, Hope Machine, Mike & Ruthy and Abbie Gardner.

The concert is free, but donations support the program and are gratefully accepted.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Call 845-434-8044 for more info, or visit www.scnyhistory.org.



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Directed by Elena Araoz
Produced in association with TheatreWorks USA

(Forestburgh, NY) Forestburgh Playhouse, under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, is thrilled to announce the premiere of *El Otro Oz*, a bi-lingual musical inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*, with performances June 17 -19 on the Playhouse Mainstage.

El Otro Oz, which was developed last summer in the inaugural In The Works-In The Woods Festival and produced in association with TheatreWorks USA, features a book by Mando Alvarado and Tommy Newman and music and lyrics by Jaime Lozano and Tommy Newman. *El Otro Oz* is directed by Elena Araoz (Barrington Stage's *Anna in the Tropics*), choreographed by Andrea Guajardo and music direction by James Osorio.

"We are thrilled that the In the Works-In the Woods Festival provided time and resources to further develop *El Otro Oz*," said Franklin Trapp. "After a magical week rehearsing, writing and revising, *El Otro Oz* came to life for our Festival audiences. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with TheatreWorks USA and couldn't be prouder to be part of this next step for such an important and meaningful show."

"How wonderfully gratifying that *El Otro Oz* is continuing on its deserving journey - and coming back to Forestburgh to launch," said ITW Artistic Director Matt Lenz. "It was such a pleasure to see this funny, endearing and timely piece blossom and come to life last September at the 2021 ITW-ITW Festival - and I'm thrilled we get to spend more time with this talented group of creators."

Join la fiesta and journey to *El Otro Oz*! This bi-lingual musical and New York Times Critic's Pick returns to Forestburgh Playhouse in a reimagined production! Click your heels together tres veces and take a transformative journey with this salsa, merengue, and Mexican folk-infused musical.

As her fifteenth birthday approaches, Dora, a contemporary Latine teenager, struggles with her family's ideas about tradition and dreads her impending quinceañera! But, when Dora gets swept away to a strange new land, she learns how to celebrate her unique rhythm and embrace her cultural identity.

Forestburgh Playhouse is located at 39 Forestburgh Road, Forestburgh, NY. *El Otro Oz* will be presented for three performances: Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (Adults/Youth 13 and Older) and \$10 (Children up to age 13). Special Family 4-Pack \$40. For tickets call 845-794-1194 or online at <https://tix5.centerstageticketing.com/sites/forestburgh6/event-details.php?e=795>

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FCSD Caravan Through Fallsburg June 4, 2022

For the past few years, Fallsburg Central School District has organized a "Caravan for the Community" to celebrate the end of another successful school year. A Rolling V Bus filled with school staff and students and decorated by student artwork and dozens of cars with more staff and students as passengers will parade through the different hamlets of Fallsburg. The schedule of the route is on the right. If you have questions about the route, please call Rolling V at 434-0511 between Wednesday, June 1 and Friday, June 3 from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

The morning begins at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) at 9:00 AM when cars will begin lining up for the caravan. At 10:00 sharp, the parade begins and will travel many school bus stops beginning in Woodridge, the on to Glen Wild, Woodridge, Mountindale, Woodridge, Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake, Hurleyville, South Fallsburg and end at BCES by 12:20 PM.

Community members are encouraged to check the time when the line of cars will be entering their neighborhood. It is a wonderful sight to see families waving, hoisting signs of appreciation, greeting each vehicle with shouts of joy all along the route.

Children of all ages love parades. The school brings children and teachers together to learn and grow together. Town residents support the school system. Families come to the school buildings to celebrate the children's activities and achievements.

This caravan is a joyous day of mutual appreciation to come to the local neighborhoods and thank the entire Fallsburg community. Whether you are part of the caravan or part of the welcoming neighbors, enjoy the parade on June 4. As stated on the schedule, "**Come out and show your Fallsburg Family Pride!**"

Fallsburg Central School District Staff Car Caravan

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2021, 10:00am

**Come outside and show your
Fallsburg Family Pride!**

If you have questions about the route please call Rolling V at 434-0511 between Wednesday June 1-Friday June 3 from 9am-12**

	Town	
Elementary school		10:00
Lew street/Broadway	Woodridge	10:05
Davos	Woodridge	10:08
Old Glen Wild rd.	Glen Wild	10:12
Glen Wild	Glen Wild	10:15
Glen Wild Rd./ Broadway	Woodridge	10:23
Eagle Ridge	Woodridge	10:25
Old Turnpike	Mountindale	10:27
CR 56 (new rd.)	Mountindale	10:30
4 corners of Church & New Rd	Mountindale	10:31
Bottom of lower Church Rd.	Mountindale	10:32
Main street Mountindale	Mountindale	10:34
Going into Community Park	Mountindale	10:40
Belle Harbor	Woodridge	10:45
Broadway	Woodridge	10:49
Maple Ave	Woodridge	10:51
Dairyland Rd	Woodridge	10:53
Rt 52	Woodbourne	11:00
Budd Rd	Woodbourne	11:05
Clark Rd	Woodbourne	11:07
Todd Rd	Woodbourne	11:09
Michigan	Woodbourne	11:09
Main Street Woodbourne	Woodbourne	11:10
Zimmerman Rd.	Loch Sheldrake	11:15
Hasbrouck A	Loch Sheldrake	11:20
Woodland	Loch Sheldrake	11:30
CR 104	Loch Sheldrake	11:35
Hurleyville Main Street	Hurleyville	11:45
Brophy Rd	Hurleyville	11:50
Pleasant valley	South Fallsburg	11:55
Elm Drive	South Fallsburg	12:00
Laurel Ave	South Fallsburg	12:02
Pleasant valley	South Fallsburg	12:05
Lavista	South Fallsburg	12:07
Rt 42	South Fallsburg	12:10
Elementary school		12:20

Upcoming Events with the Sullivan Democrats Enjoy Nature in June

Sullivan County, NY- May 17, 2022 - The Sullivan County Democratic Committee is pleased to announce more in a summer-long series of events designed to showcase the diverse beauty of our area. June events include two garden tours on June 5th and a River Trip on June 23rd.

On June 5th Visit Story's Neversink Plant Company. Horticulturists and plant collectors John W. Story and Diana K. Weiner invite you to tour their greenhouse collection of succulents and rare and unusual plants. Walk the grounds as well to see a crevice garden, vegetable plots, shade gardens, a "She Shed" and a curing barn. Afterward, stop in for lunch and use your 20% off coupon for prepared food and drinks at the Neversink General Store.

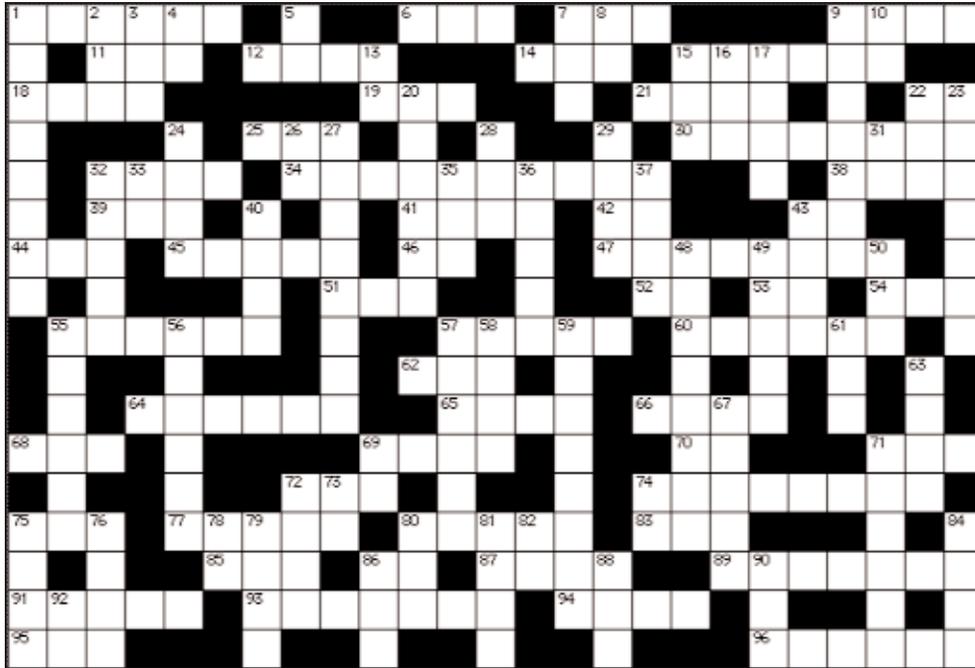
After lunch, proceed to Flying Trillium and Gardens and Preserve in Bradley. Carolyn Summers, designer and author, invites you to tour the native plant gardens at Flying Trillium. Eastern lupine meadow, native azalea collection, shade gardens, will all be at or near peak. Visit the dwarf (native) conifer collection and hike the old growth hemlock trail.

You can visit one or both of these gardens. Tickets for a single garden are \$25 per person. Visit both for a discounted price of \$40 per person.

On June 23rd, enjoy the natural peaceful beauty of the Delaware River and its shores in a day-long trip by canoe or kayak from Lordeville back to the Soaring Eagle Campground in Equinunk. Enjoy lunch on the shore as you paddle downstream.

The normal trip time is 4 hours but that depends on the height of the river and how long you stop for lunch. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are unable to attend, but are able to sponsor a family trip, that would be most welcome! All tickets can be purchased at scnydc.org/events/list. Registration is limited, so act now!

We Must Always Remember our Vets - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Each of the segments of the corolla of a flower
- 6 Control the flight
- 7 Vigor
- 9 Not valid
- 11 Conclusion
- 12 Belonging to the person the speaker is addressing
- 14 A great deal
- 15 Warmest season in the Northern Hemisphere
- 18 Referring to a specific thing already mentioned
- 19 Jocular form of often
- 21 Merge
- 22 High Water
- 25 Semi-circle
- 30 Cookout
- 32 Bundle of hay
- 34 Adornment
- 38 Advice
- 39 Ultra-violet radiation of relatively long wave-lengths
- 41 Plural past of was
- 42 Executive Order

- 43 Fourth note of the major scale
- 44 Pull
- 45 Tomb
- 46 Printer's measure
- 47 Walking in a military manner
- 51 Disfigure
- 52 Masculine pronoun
- 53 Resting atop
- 54 Container used for ashes
- 55 Waterloo, NY druggist who suggested decorating graves of Civil War patriots in 1868
- 57 Round stone juicy yellow flesh fruit
- 60 2nd day of the week
- 62 Hairpiece
- 64 Seneca County Clerk who helped promote Decoration Day
- 65 Peaceful
- 66 Muslim caliph

- 68 Fifth month
- 69 Current of air
- 70 Having to do with two
- 71 Ferret
- 72 Stop living
- 74 Remembrance
- 75 Referring to that girl
- 77 General who in 1968 first officially observed May 30th as Decoration Day
- 80 Frighten
- 83 Exist
- 85 Stout
- 86 Rhode Island
- 87 Rendered pig fat
- 89 Announce
- 91 Freeing from obstruction
- 93 Commander of an army
- 94 Involuntarily opening one's mouth and inhaling deeply
- 95 Accomplished victory
- 96 Member of a Christian organization known for plac-

- ing bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, etc.
- DOWN**
- 1 Nationalists
- 2 Brewed hot beverage
- 3 Picnic pest
- 4 Learning Disabled
- 5 Not any
- 7 Game farm
- 8 Third person singular pronoun
- 9 Person who served in the military
- 10 Used to link alternatives
- 13 Right-hand page of an open book
- 15 Short for substitute
- 16 United States of America
- 17 Insignificant
- 20 Seed bearing part of a plant
- 22 Dept of Housing and Urban Renewal
- 23 Generally Saturday &

- Sunday
- 24 Ensign
- 26 Road (abbrev)
- 27 Celebration
- 28 Armed conflict
- 29 Rhyme
- 31 Common Era
- 32 Brass instrument
- 33 Audio Visual
- 35 Rapid Eye Movement
- 36 Earth
- 37 Biblical patriarch and builder of the 'ark'
- 40 Lights out bugle call
- 43 Discover
- 48 Recall
- 49 Esteem
- 50 Fellow
- 55 Bay tree
- 56 Aromatic evergreen shrub related to the bay tree
- 57 Outdoor meal
- 58 Expression of surprise
- 59 Burial ground
- 61 Upper limb
- 63 Fold up
- 67 Targeted
- 69 You and I
- 71 Public

- procession
- 72 Escort
- 73 Surrounded by
- 74 One's mother
- 75 Make visible
- 76 Equally balanced
- 78 Expression of relationship

- between a part and the whole
- 79 Jokes
- 80 Title of a knight
- 81 Colleague
- 82 Egyptian sun god
- 84 Flowerless plant

- with leafy fronds
- 86 One of three primary colors
- 88 Rondout or Neversink
- 90 Unit of energy
- 92 Post Office

Campfire

Peach Cobbler

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

FILLING:

- 2 cans (15-1/4 ounces each) sliced peaches
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional

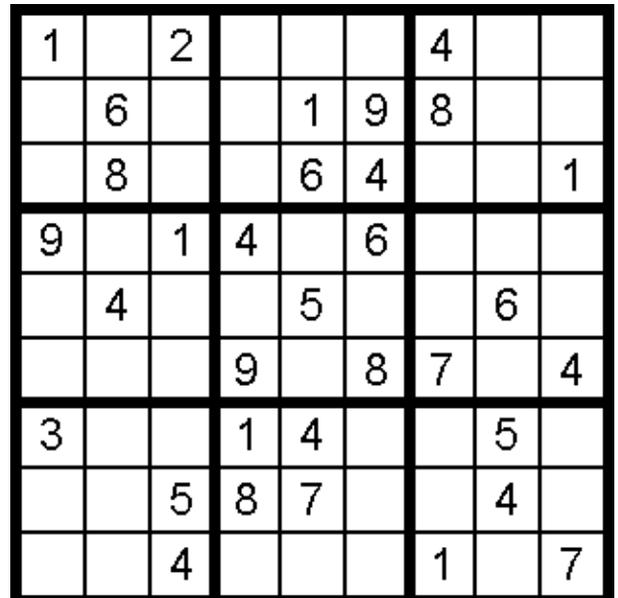
Prepare campfire or grill for low heat, using 32-40 charcoal briquettes.

Line the inside of a 10-in. Dutch oven with heavy-duty foil. In a large bowl, whisk together first 4 ingredients. Add milk and melted butter, stirring just until moistened. Pour into prepared pan.

Drain peaches, reserving 1 cup syrup. Arrange peaches over batter; sprinkle with sugar and, if desired, cinnamon. Pour reserved syrup over fruit. Place lid on Dutch oven.

When briquettes are covered with white ash, place Dutch oven directly on half of the briquettes. Using long-handled tongs, place remaining briquettes on top of pan lid. Cook 30-40 minutes or until cobbler is set and beginning to brown, using tongs to lift lid carefully when checking. If necessary, cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat; let stand, uncovered, 15 minutes before serving.

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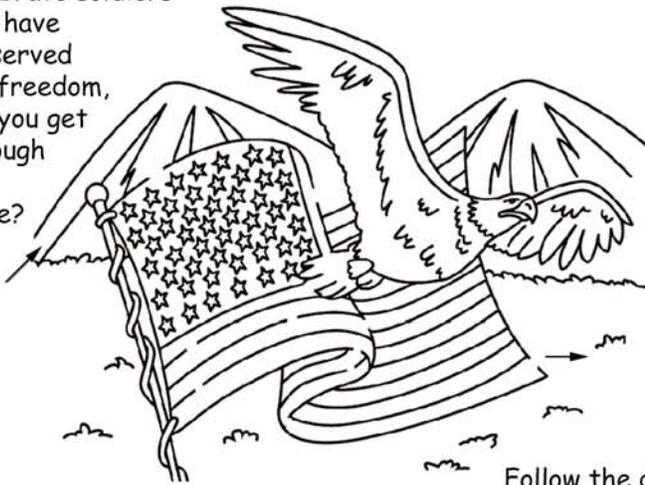
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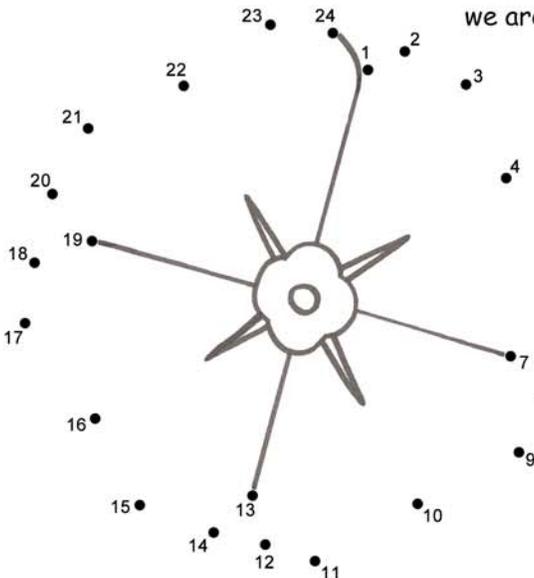
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While remembering all of the brave soldiers who have preserved our freedom, can you get through the maze?

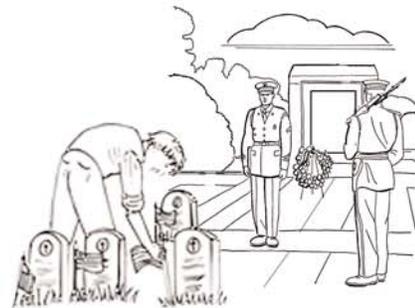


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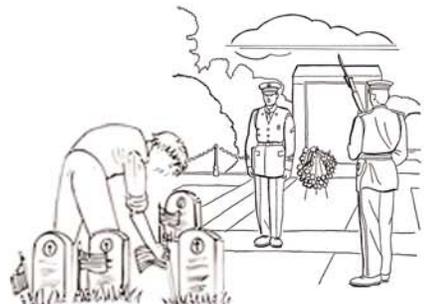


MEMORIAL DAY WORD SEARCH

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Honor the brave. What are the differences between the two pictures?



Tri-Valley Little League Schedule 2022

Day	Date	Time	Field 1	Field 3	Field 2	Field 4	
Tuesday	24-May	5:30	Yankees-Reds	Indians-Marlins		T-Ball	Minor League
Wednesday	25-May	5:30	Mets-Giants	Cubs-Cardinals		T-Ball	Cardinals - Larry Bracken
Thursday	26-May	5:30	Dodgers-Reds	A's-Cardinals			A's - Joe Carracia
Friday	27-May	5:30	Memorial Day				Phillies - John Wood
Saturday	28-May	10	Memorial Day				Marlins - Melissa Wilhelm
Sunday	29-May	1	Memorial Day				Indians- Heather Frey
Monday	30-May	5:30	Memorial Day				Cubs - Ed McCarthy
Tuesday	31-May	5:30	Mets-Dodgers	A's-Cubs	Phillies-Indians	T-Ball	
Wednesday	1-Jun	5:30	Giants-Yankees	Cardinals-Marlins		T-Ball	
Thursday	2-Jun	5:30	Reds-Monticello	Cardinals-Indians			Major League
Friday	3-Jun	5:30	Yankees-Dodgers	Reds-Mets	Marlins-A's		Yankees - Ed McCarthy
Saturday	4-Jun	10		Cubs-Phillies			Giants - Derek Adams
Monday	6-Jun	5:30	Reds-Giants	Cardinals-Phillies			Dodgers - Roger Rose
Tuesday	7-Jun	5:30	Mets-Yankees	A's-Indians		T-Ball	Mets - Darrin Kenney
Wednesday	8-Jun	5:30	Giants-Mets	Marlins-Cubs		T-Ball	Reds - Tom Conjura
Thursday	9-Jun	5:30	Reds-Dodgers	Cardinals-A's			Monticello
Friday	10-Jun	5:30		Cubs-Indians	Marlins-Phillies		
Saturday	11-Jun	10	Pitch Hit and Run				
Monday	13-Jun	5:30	Giants-Dodgers	A's-Phillies			
Tuesday	14-Jun	5:30	Reds-Yankees	Marlins-Indians		T-Ball	
Wednesday	15-Jun	5:30	Cardinals-Cubs	Indians-Phillies		T-Ball	Upcoming Events
Thursday	16-Jun	5:30	Mets-Reds	Marlins-Cardinals			
Friday	17-Jun	5:30					
Saturday	18-Jun	10					Softball Tournament
Monday	20-Jun	5:30	Playoffs Week				July 16th
Tuesday	21-Jun	5:30					
Wednesday	22-Jun	5:30					Grahamsville Fair Booth
Thursday	23-Jun	5:30					Aug 19-22



DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

On May 10, Forest Rangers responded to a wildfire in Harriman State Park. Working with Palisades Interstate Park Commission Park Rangers and volunteer firefighters, Rangers successfully brought the fire under control. The fire was in steep, rocky terrain and burned 62 acres of land, making it the largest wildfire in Region 3 this year. Drone video of the fire is available on the DEC website.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

Regular Meeting #22, **Thursday, June 2, 2022**, Meeting
Opening Call to Order, 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session,
Thursday, June 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Upper Level

Regular Meeting #22 resumes, Thursday, June 2, 2022, 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level, on YouTube Live.

Regular Meeting #23, **Thursday, June 16, 2022**, Meeting
Opening Call to Order, 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session, Thursday, June 16, 2022,
Secondary School Library Upper Level

Regular Meeting #23 resumes, Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level, on YouTube Live.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/liv>

Tri-Valley Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville,
New York, 12740, Sullivan County
Phone: 845-985-2296
www.trivalleycsd.org

Times and dates are subject to change.

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**Fallsburg CSD
Board of
Education
June
Meetings**

June 1, 2022

June 15, 2022

CONSUMER ALERT:

**Attorney General James Warns
New Yorkers of Summer Rental
Scams With Summer Approaching**

***AG James Offers Tips to New Yorkers to Avoid
Scams When Booking Vacation Rentals***

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today warned New Yorkers of scams on vacation rentals and offered tips on how to avoid them as summer approaches. As millions of New Yorkers plan their getaway trips and look to rent homes, they should be mindful of scammers that misrepresent rentals or list fake homes online that do not actually exist, tricking consumers into paying and leaving them with nowhere to stay. To protect people from this fraud, Attorney General James encourages New Yorkers to verify their host and booking before making a payment. Attorney General James urges New Yorkers to report any summer scams to her office.

“Scammers don’t take the summer off,” said Attorney General James. “Summer plans can quickly melt if consumers aren’t careful when they book their getaway. Vacation fraud happens every year, but there are ways to avoid it and protect yourself from getting burned. School might be out, but don’t forget to do your homework - take the time to verify the host and read online reviews to ensure that vacation rentals are real and not a dupe. All year, my office is working to protect New Yorkers’ wallets from scammers, and we encourage anyone to report this fraud to our office.” (Contd. Pg. 20)

Grahamsville Reformed Church



Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Saturday, May 28, 2022

9 am till sold out!
Homemade pies, cakes
cookies, brownies
and assorted goodies!

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
845-985-7480

God Bless You and thank you for your continued support!

CONSUMER ALERT:**Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers of Summer Rental Scams With Summer Approaching**

(From Pg. 18) Attorney General James recommends consumers take the following precautions before booking their summer getaway:

- o Verify the host. Make sure the renter or host has a valid address and phone number.
- o Make sure the listing has reviews and read the reviews. Be wary of listings on websites like Airbnb or VRBO that do not have any reviews listed. When reading reviews, check for multiple reviews that repeat the same phrases - that could be a sign that the reviews are fake.
- o Check that the photos have not been stolen from another website. Use reverse image search of photos of the rental to ensure that the photos have not been listed on another website.
- o Communicate only through the listing site before booking. One way that scammers try to trick consumers is by first posting a listing on a site like Airbnb or VRBO, and then requiring you to communicate directly with the host outside the website or app to book the listing. Do not share your email address or phone number with the host or renter before your booking is accepted.
- o Only book with a credit card or debit card. Use verified payment sources such as a major debit or credit card, which can be traced in the event something goes wrong. One advantage of using a credit card specifically is that you have certain protections under the Fair Credit Billing Act, which allows you to dispute unauthorized charges.
- o Only make payments through the listing site. If using a site such as Airbnb or VRBO, make all payments through the site, as they may be able to refund you if you are later defrauded.
- o Never make wire payments or cash payments. NEVER make a payment using a wire transfer service or money transfer service such as Western Union, Money Gram, Zelle, CashApp, or Venmo.
- o Rent security deposits. You may be asked to make a security deposit. Generally, you cannot be required to pay more than one month's security deposit. The owner can apply the security deposit to cover any damages caused by you or unpaid rent but otherwise must return the deposit to you at the conclusion of the rental.
- o Know your rights. It is illegal for a host to deny a vacation rental to you based on your race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, disability, or marital status. If you believe that you have been discriminated against or harassed based on any of these protected classes, you can file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights.

DEC and State Parks Launch New Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Training to Help Make Recreational Areas Safer

Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Training of Over 4,000 Staff Working at State Parks, Campgrounds, Trails to Help Identify and Respond to Incidents

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation launch new trainings to help prevent domestic and sexual violence at the hundreds of parks, campgrounds, day use

areas, trails, boat launches, and other public outdoor spaces operated across New York. The State's seasonal hiring is underway and experts led by the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) are training many of the public-facing staff as part of Governor Kathy Hochul's initiative launched last year to help domestic and sexual violence victims and survivors, with the goal of providing resources, access to safety and support to save lives.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Domestic and sexual violence can happen anywhere, and it is critical that we have staff members who are trained to identify warning signs, respond to incidents and assist survivors who need help. DEC is proud to join State Parks and the Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence to help prevent these violent acts before a tragedy occurs. With nearly all of our campgrounds opening this weekend, DEC remains committed to making visitors' stay safe and enjoyable."

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "We look forward to our staff receiving this important training through the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. This is a smart partnership that will improve our state's response to domestic and gender-based violence - and strengthen our agency's commitment to help all visitors feel safe and welcome while visiting our State Parks."

OPDV Executive Director Kelli Owens said, "We must start engaging more allies in the effort to prevent gender-based violence. It only takes one person to make a difference in a survivor's life. When all parts of public-facing systems understand the impact and consequences of gender-based violence, especially as it relates to marginalized communities, we increase the likelihood that an individual will find a path out of abuse. I thank Governor Hochul for her steadfast commitment to preventing domestic violence and for her leadership on ensuring that survivors have the support they need."

In October, Governor Hochul announced the training as part of the State's work to transform domestic and sexual violence service delivery to be more culturally responsive, survivor-centered, and trauma-informed. OPDV created, developed, and launched the training program for when many of the State's parks, campgrounds, and recreational areas, which serve millions of patrons annually, reopen for the season. More than 4,000 staff who work on public lands at DEC and State Parks are expected to receive the training. In addition, State Park Police, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Forest Rangers will continue to receive training to recognize the signs of domestic violence during their interactions with the public.

To combat domestic and sexual violence and create safety for all survivors, there is a critical need for a better understanding of gender-based violence across all systems, the cultural intersections of domestic and sexual violence and the challenges that individuals face in accessing services. The training explores these intersections and engages with organizations that specifically assist individuals in traditionally underserved communities and are led by individuals with those voices. The partnership among State agencies recognizes the importance of engaging and training non-traditional allies and the training covers the dynamics of all forms of gender-based violence so that public-facing DEC and Parks employees are better equipped to respond to incidents and assist individuals who need help. By extending the availability of assistance beyond the existing network of traditional service providers, survivors will know that they can get help accessing resources they need.

DEC operates 52 campgrounds and five day-use areas in the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves that provide a wide variety of visitor experiences that can be found at DEC's website. While two DEC campgrounds opened earlier this spring-Wilmington Notch in Essex County on May 6, and Fish Creek

DEC and State Parks Launch New Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Training to Help Make Recreational Areas Safer

(From Pg. 20) State Parks oversees more than 250 individual parks, historic sites, recreational trails, and boat launches, which are visited by 78 million people annually and can be found at NYS Parks website. To make reservations, visit the ReserveAmerica website.

The Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is the country's only Executive-level State agency dedicated to the issue of gender-based violence. New York's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline provides confidential support 24/7 and is available in most languages: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat). The Office of Victim Services also funds a network of more than 212 community-based programs that provide direct services to victims of crime and their families. The programs also help any victim of crime apply for compensation and other assistance from the agency, which is a safety net for individuals who have no other resources.

DEC Announces Muskellunge Fishing Seasons Opening Soon *Season Starts June 1 in Inland Waters and June 15 in Great Lakes Waters*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that fishing seasons for muskellunge begin on June 1 in inland waters and June 15 in Great Lakes waters (Lake Erie, Upper Niagara River, Lower Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River). On April 1, 2022, DEC changed muskellunge season opening dates from floating Saturday openers to these new fixed dates. To accommodate previously planned fishing trips, DEC will allow muskellunge fishing in inland waters beginning the last Saturday in May for this year only.

Muskellunge are considered the ultimate trophy to many anglers who pursue these fish for the challenge, massive size potential, and well-earned status as top predators," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage anglers to experience the world-class muskellunge fishing opportunities in New York."

Muskellunge, or "muskies," are New York's largest freshwater sportfish, sometimes exceeding 50 pounds. Often referred to as the "fish of 10,000 casts," muskies are notoriously difficult to catch. However, all that effort pays off when one of these challenge fish are caught as they are renowned for powerful strikes, line-ripping runs, and acrobatic fights. For muskie fishing tips, see Muskie 101.

Popular hotspots for trophy muskies include the St. Lawrence River, Upper Niagara River, and Chautauqua Lake. Other quality fisheries can be found at Waneta, Greenwood, Bear, and Cassadaga lakes and the Susquehanna, Chenango, and Great Chazy rivers. For information on where to fish for muskies see Musky, Pike, Tiger Musky and Pickerel fishing opportunities.

Muskies are managed as trophy fish in New York, and minimum size regulations of 40 inches for inland waters and 54 inches for Great Lakes waters reflect that. Some exceptions to inland water regulations exist, so please check the current fishing regulations guide for the water you plan to fish. For more information on New York's muskie management program, see Muskellunge Management in New York.

Lights Out' Initiative Launched in New York to Protect Migrating Birds

State-Owned and Managed Buildings to Take Measures to Reduce Light, Prevent Bird Collisions • New Capital Region Birding Trail Segment Also Launched to Increase Recreational Opportunities

New York State agencies today announced two initiatives designed to protect and foster increased appreciation for birds - a new 'Lights Out' initiative to help protect migrating birds as they navigate night skies, and the launch of the Capital Region segment of the New York State Birding Trail to highlight the State's world-class and wide-ranging birding opportunities. State buildings participating in Lights Out will keep non-essential outdoor lighting from affecting the ability of birds to migrate successfully, both in the Capital Region and throughout New York.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "We all play a role in the protection of our natural resources and the Lights Out initiative is a simple way to help a variety of bird species survive and thrive during the busy migration season. DEC is proud to join several partners to lead by example and take actions that will reduce bird collisions. We are also excited about the ongoing progress in completing the New York State Birding Trail with this newest Capital Region segment that all New Yorkers can enjoy."

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner Jeanette Moy said, "Migrating birds face many dangerous obstacles during their long journeys each year. Reducing excessive outdoor lighting on buildings is an easy and sensible step we can take to minimize those threats. Team OGS encourages everyone to learn what they can do to help ensure safe seasonal bird migration throughout New York State."

Many species of shorebirds and songbirds rely on constellations to help them navigate to and from their summer breeding grounds through the State. Excessive outdoor lighting, especially in adverse weather conditions, can cause these migrating birds to become disoriented, a phenomenon known as fatal light attraction. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it has led to collisions with windows, walls, floodlights, or the ground and the death of an estimated 500 million to one billion birds annually in the United States.

Lights Out directs State-owned and managed buildings to turn off non-essential outdoor lighting from 11 p.m. to dawn during the spring migration through May 31 and also during the peak fall migration, August 15 through November 15. State agencies will also be encouraged to draw blinds, when possible, and turn off non-essential indoor lighting during Lights Out times. In addition to benefiting migrating birds, Lights Out promotes sustainability and provides a cost-savings to the State.

"We are in the midst of peak migration at this very moment: On just one night this week, over five million birds were estimated to have flown across New York's night skies. Sadly, collisions with buildings kill between 365 million and one billion birds per year in the United States. Light pollution attracts night-migrating birds away from their natural route and into potentially lethal situations. We applaud the State on launching its 'Lights Out' program, which will reduce excess lighting and minimize threats to migrating birds," said Mike Burger, Executive Director for Audubon Connecticut and New York.

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9 am - 2 pm
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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale
June 4th
9am- 12 noon



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=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
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Dial by your location
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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Pastor Kenneth Ronk
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845-985-7480

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Claryville, NY 12725
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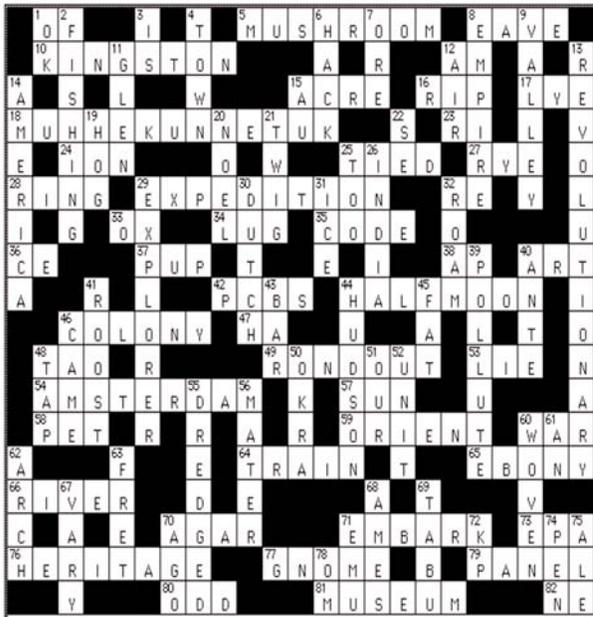
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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 answer

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4	6	3	2	1	9	8	7	5
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356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
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Thrift Sale Schedule 2022
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

June - 4th and 18th Sept - 10th and 24th
 July - 9th and 23rd October - 8th and 22nd
 August - 13th and 27th Nov - 5th and 19th

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays
 from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222).

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Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church

WSCS Ladies of Sundown UMC

Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, June 4, 2022 5:30 pm

at the Church Hall

(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Monticello Elks Drive Through BBQ

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is serving a "Drive Through Chicken BBQ" on Wednesday, June 1st, from 4 to 7 pm at the Lodge at 46 North Street in Monticello. This dinner will be repeated on July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th so please save the dates!

The menu includes: one half chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, macaroni salad, dinner roll plus dessert for \$15. You may pull into the parking lot and stay in your car. Reserve now as prices may change. Please call Elk of the Year John Greenhill: 845-800-5909.

Monticello Elks Lodge (a non-profit 501c3) supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation. The Lodge also provides coats and gloves for elementary school children.

Liberty Farmers' Market to Open Soon

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

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 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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 For information call 845-434-8044.



Grahamsville United Methodist Church



Saturday, June 4, 2022
9 am - 12 noon

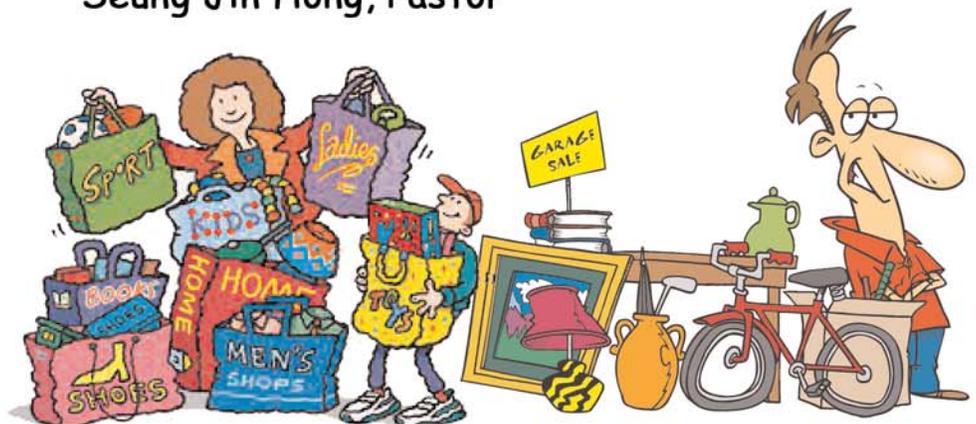
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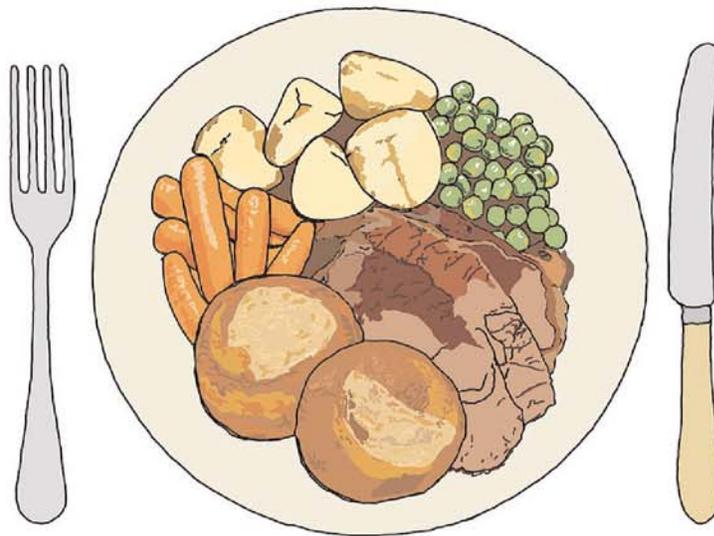
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Grahamsville Reformed Church



Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, June 11, 2022

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Dinners: \$14.00

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

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UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4
years old by December 1, 2022 please
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Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

**and leave your name, your child's
name and phone number where you
can be reached.**





Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)
(that day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online.
Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

****PLEASE NOTE:**
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.**

- Registration will take place for incoming:
• Pre-K students: April 11th - April 29th
• Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

For Pre-K:
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. At that time, a lottery *may be held* if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.



Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**NUEVO PARA 2022-2023:
PROGRAMA DE PRE-K DE DÍA COMPLETO!**
(2 aulas con 18 alumnos en cada una)
(el programa de medio día ya no se ofrece)

- Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la Oficina Central en el JSHS.
Visite <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para obtener instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea.

****TENGA EN CUENTA:**
TODOS los estudiantes que ingresan a kindergarten DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Pre-K el año pasado.**

- El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:
• Estudiantes de Pre-K; 11 de Abril - 29 de Abril
• Estudiantes de Kindergarten; 9 de Mayo - 20 de Mayo

Para Pre-K:
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 29 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.

'Lights Out' Initiative Launched in New York to Protect Migrating Birds

(From Pg. 21) "As we celebrate the incredible places to bird in New York state and engage New Yorkers of all backgrounds in the wonders of birds, NYC Audubon also applauds the State for taking action to protect birds through this important 'Lights Out' initiative," said NYC Audubon Executive Director Jessica Wilson. "NYC Audubon's research has shown that artificial night-time light is a major contributor to the nearly quarter-million bird deaths annually that result from collisions with buildings in New York City. The more buildings that turn off their lights during migration, the safer our birds will be - and the more birds there will be for New York State Birding Trail-goers to enjoy, now and in the future."

In addition, today DEC announced the grand opening of the Capital Region segment of the New York State Birding Trail, comprised of 29 locations throughout five counties, to provide a variety of quality birding experiences for New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy birdwatching. The trail is managed by DEC in collaboration with partners including the State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The Statewide trail includes promoted birding locations that can be accessed by car or public transportation, providing an inclusive experience for all visitors to enjoy birds amid beautiful natural settings with little or no cost or investment in equipment.

New segments of the Birding Trail are opened in a phased approach. DEC announced the New York City trail segment in October 2021, Greater Niagara in February 2022, Long Island in March 2022, Hudson Valley last month, and Central-Finger Lakes earlier in May, totaling more than 180 birding locations. Once finished, the Statewide Birding Trail will provide birding opportunities for everyone, regardless of age, ability, identity, or background, across New York State.

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "The newest segment of the New York State Birding Trail offers an opportunity to discover some of the Capital Region's amazing bird watching areas, which provides better access to outdoor recreation and to further connect with nature. Birding is a wonderfully engaging activity and our State Parks along the trail offer exceptional places for people to learn and explore the diverse species of birds in the Capital Region."

To promote the trail as an inclusive experience for all, DEC and partners are working to select sites that are welcoming and accessible by public transportation. Five of the Capital Region Birding Trail locations will be participating in this summer's Nature Bus. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC), the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), and local project partners have come together again to offer this free Saturday CDTA Nature Bus service to connect City of Albany residents to eight natural spaces in and around Albany. The service will start Saturday, May 28, and run through Saturday, Sept. 24. For more information, go to the Nature Bus website.

DEC also continues to solicit input from a wide range of New Yorkers and organizations that represent Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities and is making information available in both English and Spanish. Bird walks will be held in collaboration with organizations working with BIPOC communities.

Benita Law-Diao, Leader, Outdoor Afro Albany and Upstate NY, said, "I'd like to think there are a lot more bird-

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ers out there than statistics report. Many of us are unconscious birders and we do things to support and protect them, even though we don't not follow them with binoculars and can't identify every bird that flies by. The DEC's birding programs are far-reaching, and they will allow the public to learn more about bird and birding and take measures to protect them as they face increasing challenges to survive."

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Associate Director Sarah Walsh said, "MHLC is excited to be included on the New York State Birding Trail. This is a wonderful attraction to add to our nature preserves in the Capital Region. Our Normans Kill West Preserve, a great location to connect with birds and nature, can be accessed by CDTA's Nature Bus (line 872) for free on Saturdays starting May 28th."

The New York State Birding Trail map is available at DEC's I Bird NY webpage and provides valuable information on each site such as location, available amenities, species likely to be seen, directions, and more. Additional information on birding, educational and interpretive information, is also available. Digital information on the Birding Trail will be updated periodically, so budding outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to check back often.

In addition to State-owned and managed locations for the Birding Trail, publicly and privately managed sites can complete a simple self-nomination process to be considered for inclusion on the trail. Sites all meet criteria to help ensure a positive experience for visitors throughout the state. Additionally, each site will post signage noting it as an official location on the birding trail. For information on the nomination process, see DEC's I Bird NY webpage.

DEC encourages birding enthusiasts to visit I Bird NY for more information on where and how to observe birds, upcoming bird walks, a downloadable Beginner's Guide to Birding (PDF) (available in Spanish (PDF)), and additional resources.

DEC manages and oversees nearly five million acres of public lands and conservation easements and plays a vital role in both protecting New York's natural resources and providing opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors. From fishing on scenic streams, hiking and rock climbing, swimming and boating, birding, and nature study, or simply relaxing in a tent under the stars, there are endless adventures to be found. Visit DEC's website, connect with us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram and Twitter.

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Rubin Pollack Education Center Announces Honor Roll

LIBERTY - Sullivan BOCES has announced the students who have achieved academic honors at the Rubin Pollack Education Center for the second and third quarter period of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Charles Keiffer - Port Jervis CSD
Havanaha Henry - Sullivan West CSD
Joshua Jackson - Liberty CSD
Toni Phillips - Roscoe CSD
Ricki Jones - Ellenville CSD
James Bensimon - Fallsburg CSD

High School Students:

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Erik Vasquez-Nunez - Fallsburg CSD
Joshua DeGroat - Liberty CSD
Nicole Heins - Liberty CSD
Zachary Thiel - Liberty CSD
Daniel Ronelli - Monticello CSD
Jesse Hogencamp - Monticello CSD
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Thomas Gale - Livingston Manor CSD
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Andrew White - Sullivan West CSD

Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Students Win at State Competition

LIBERTY - Seven New Vision Health students from Sullivan BOCES recently traveled to Syracuse to compete in the annual New York State SkillsUSA competition. For three days, students from across the state competed in various categories testing their vocational knowledge and skills. The students who competed on behalf of Sullivan BOCES and Sullivan County did exceptionally well.

The Health Knowledge Bowl contestants Owen Bassett (MCS), Renee Robinson (MCS), Kaitlyn Lapomarede (MCS), and Team Captain Jacob Kaplan (MCS) from the Sullivan BOCES New Vision Health Program finished their contest in first place, qualifying them to travel to Atlanta, Georgia in June to participate in the national competition.

According to New Vision Health Instructor Catherine Freda, students from the New Vision Health program have competed in the Health Knowledge Bowl competition seven times, placing second once and taking home state gold an astonishing six times! Collen Barbato (MCS) competed in the Health Professional Portfolio category and brought home a bronze medal. For this competition, Collen had to prepare a portfolio of his many accomplishments, including as Class President of Monticello High School's Class of 2022, and prepared a PowerPoint and presented it before the judges.

Jenna Hendricks (MCS) showed her abilities by competing in the Medical Terminology event, spending many hours learning and studying the language of medicine in preparation for her contest. As a first-year student in the study of health careers, Jenna had to face off against students who have been attending health careers classes for several years. Jenna placed fifth in the event!

Raine Kelly (SWCS) competed in a speech category that required her to prepare a speech on the SkillsUSA Theme for 2022, "SkillsUSA: United as One." Raine presented a fantastic speech that reflected on the importance of unity, emphasizing why unity is so important to the success of SkillsUSA, her New Vision Health class, the healthcare team, and the nation. Raine competed in a large field of speakers in her competition and received a call-back to present her speech a second time so that the judges could determine a winner. She came home with sixth place in another highly competitive event. "We are so proud of our students who attended the statewide competition this year," said Jeffery Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career and Technical Education Center. "Our students work very hard in their programs. To be able to compete in a competition of this nature is proof that our students know their stuff."

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center, visit our website at www.scboces.org or call (845) 295-4152. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram and Twitter for program highlights. The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century."

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a national vocational club that emphasizes leadership skills and offers students the opportunity to work together to accomplish goals. Students routinely attend and run meetings at BOCES, where they develop projects that will help them learn how to excel as leaders in the business world. An emphasis is also placed on community service, as students create projects that will help enhance the community. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. There are over 434,000 members nationwide.

About the New Vision Health Program

The New Vision Health Program at the Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Center is an honors program for seniors interested in pursuing a career in the health profession. Students enrolled in the program can earn six college credits during high school, enabling them to get a jump start on their college careers. 100% of the students enrolled in this program pursue further education in colleges and universities, including Boston College, Drexel University, Harvard, Lemoyne, Penn State, Temple, West Point, a variety of SUNY Schools, and many other schools across the nation. With the aging population and the increasing demand for healthcare workers across the country, there will be many job opportunities for students in the future in the Healthcare Industry.

Attorney General James Recovers \$36 Million from H&M for Unlawfully Keeping Money in Unused Gift Cards

Popular Fashion Retailer H&M Kept Millions in Unused Funds on Gift Cards That Should Have Transferred to the State's Abandoned Property Fund H&M to Pay Penalty for Repeatedly Lying about Its Gift Card Business to the State

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today recovered \$36 million from popular fashion retailer H&M for unlawfully keeping millions of dollars in unused gift cards. For years, H&M withheld unused balances on gift cards that should have been transferred to the Office of Unclaimed Funds, which is overseen by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Office. H&M repeatedly lied to the state about its failure to transfer the unused gift card balances and falsely claimed that an out-of-state company was handling its gift cards business. As part of today's agreement, H&M will pay a penalty for its wrongdoing and transfer the money owed to the state's Abandoned Property Fund.

"My office has zero tolerance for companies that disregard the law and line their pockets with money that belongs to hardworking people," said Attorney General James. "For years, not only did H&M illegally keep unused gift card money that customers paid for, but they then lied about it to the state. Violating the law is not trendy or tolerable, and today H&M will pay millions of dollars for its wrongdoing. New Yorkers can trust that my office will always stand up to unscrupulous companies and hold them accountable."

"New Yorkers with unused balances on their H&M gift cards now can recover their money under today's agreement," said New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. "The Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds stands at the ready to assist those who have money coming to them. I thank Attorney General Letitia James and her office for their work to help my office hold companies accountable and ensure that unused gift card money goes to the consumer."

Like many retailers, H&M sells gift cards for use in its retail and online stores. Customers redeem the balances on the cards in exchange for clothing and other merchandise from H&M. Every year, some portion of H&M's gift cards go unused by consumers, resulting in an unredeemed balance on the cards - money that H&M has received in payment for the cards, but has not given value for in merchandise. After five years of inactivity, New York law requires gift card issuers to turn over unused balances on gift cards to the state's Abandoned Property Fund, which is overseen by DiNapoli's office.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) opened an investigation into H&M after a whistleblower filed a lawsuit under the New York False Claims Act, which allows people to file civil actions on behalf of the government and share in any recovery. The OAG's investigation found that H&M knew that it was required to transfer millions of dollars in unredeemed gift card balances to the Abandoned Property Fund but did not do so for years. Instead, H&M concealed its failure to comply with the law.

After H&M became aware in 2008 that it would have to transfer the unredeemed balances to the Abandoned Property Fund, it entered into a contract with an out-of-state company (Company A) that gave the false impression that Company A would conduct H&M's gift card business. However, Company A did not take over the gift-card business. Instead, H&M continued to run that business itself - and the money from the sale of gift cards never left its accounts.

H&M falsely told the state that its gift card balances had been transferred to the company with which it contracted. However,

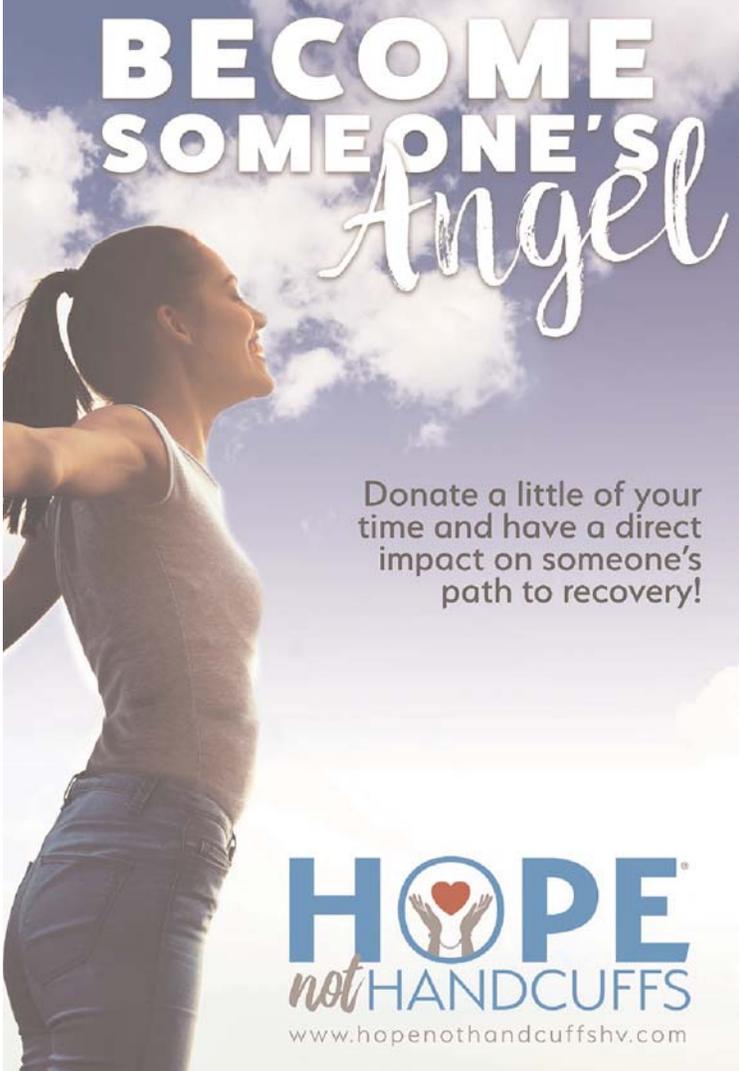
H&M continued to retain millions of dollars of unredeemed gift card balances in its bank accounts, manufacture and sell gift cards, and remained responsible for honoring its gift cards. In addition, H&M caused a letter to be submitted to the state falsely stating that Company A had "paid out tens of millions of dollars" on H&M's gift cards, even though H&M knew that no such payments had been made.

In November 2011, the state again asked H&M about its gift-card business, and H&M again caused false statements to be made to the state. Specifically, the state was told that H&M's unused gift card balances had been transferred to an out-of-state entity that had no transfer obligation to New York when, in fact, H&M retained millions of dollars in unredeemed gift card balances and remained responsible for honoring its gift cards.

Today's agreement resolves allegations that H&M knowingly made false statements to DiNapoli's office to avoid turning over the unused balances on gift cards to the Abandoned Property Fund. As part of the agreement, H&M will pay more than \$28 million to the state, of which more than \$18 million will go to the Abandoned Property Fund for unredeemed balances on H&M gift cards sold before 2015. A whistleblower will receive \$7.74 million for bringing H&M's misconduct to light.

Consumers who have unused funds in gift cards issued by H&M between 2004 and 2014 can either use the card at H&M, if they still have the physical card, or file a claim for the unredeemed balance with the Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds.

Attorney General James thanks DiNapoli's Office of Unclaimed Funds for its help in the investigation.



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Attorney General James Launches Investigations Into Social Media Companies for Role in Buffalo Attack Investigations Will Focus on Platforms Shooter Used to Plan, Promote, and Stream the Attack

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced that her office is launching investigations into social media companies in connection with the terror attack in Buffalo that claimed 10 lives and wounded three individuals. The investigations will look into the social media companies and other online resources that the shooter used to discuss and amplify his intentions and acts to carry out this attack. Specifically, the investigations will focus on those platforms that may have been used to stream, promote, or plan the event, including but not limited to Twitch (owned by Amazon), 4chan, 8chan, and Discord.

“The terror attack in Buffalo has once again revealed the depths and danger of the online forums that spread and promote hate,” said Attorney General James. “The fact that an individual can post detailed plans to commit such an act of hate without consequence, and then stream it for the world to see is bone-chilling and unfathomable. As we continue to mourn and honor the lives that were stolen, we are taking serious action to investigate these companies for their roles in this attack. Time and time again, we have seen the real-world devastation that is borne of these dangerous and hateful platforms, and we are doing everything in our power to shine a spotlight on this alarming behavior and take action to ensure it never happens again.”

It has been reported that the shooter posted online for months about his hatred for specific groups, promoted white supremacist theories, and even discussed potential plans to terrorize an elementary school, church, and other locations he believed would have a considerable community of Black people to attack. Those postings included detailed information about plans to carry out an attack in a predominantly Black neighborhood in Buffalo and his visits to the site of the shooting in the weeks prior. The shooter also streamed the attack on another social media platform, which was accessible to the public, and posted a 180-page manifesto online about his bigoted views.

The Office of the Attorney General received a referral from Governor Hochul to conduct this investigation pursuant to New York Executive Law Section 63(8), which permits the attorney general to investigate matters concerning public peace, public safety, and public justice and to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of documents.

Gillibrand Applauds Biden for Acting on Her Proposal to Invoke Defense Production Act to Address Baby Formula Shortage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Days after U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called on President Biden to invoke the Defense Production Act, the White House has announced it will move forward with this critical action. In response, Senator Gillibrand praised the swift response.

“I am grateful that President Biden has invoked the Defense Production Act, which will enable the U.S. to ramp up domestic production of baby formula, address hoarding and prevent price gouging. This swift action will help millions of American families and their babies in this time of need.”

Senator Gillibrand first called for President Biden to invoke the Defense Production Act on May 12th and sent the president a letter on May 16th urging him to act quickly on her proposal. Gillibrand also announced the introduction of her bicameral Emergency Infant Formula Act, which would take important steps to increase domestic production and expand sourcing of formula in order to alleviate the current crisis and prevent future shortages.

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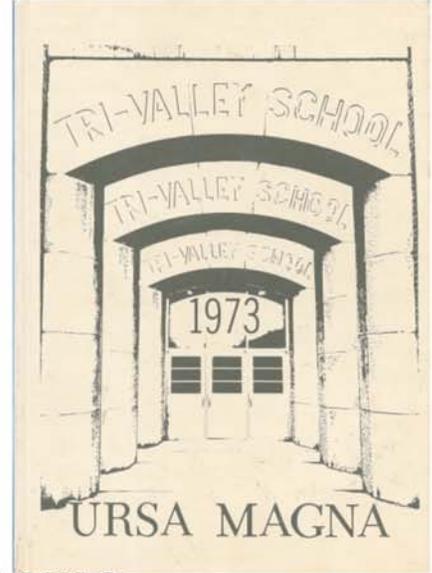
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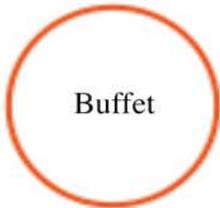
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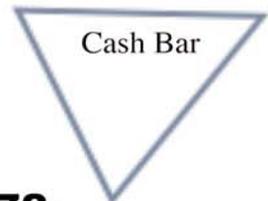


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Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Plattekill Food Pantry

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Assembly Passes Legislation to Create Insurance Consumer Advocate

(Albany, NY) - The Assembly voted to pass a bill authored by Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) to establish an Office of Insurance Consumer Advocate within the Department of Financial Services (A.1208, Cahill). This office would be responsible for reviewing rate applications, recommending legislation needed to improve the insurance process for customers and participating directly in hearings.

"To many consumers, navigating insurance is a difficult and often confusing process where the voice of their provider can outweigh their own. This legislation will create an office to serve as a watchdog on the industry and be an explicit advocate for all New Yorkers in rate cases and other matters related to insurance," said Assemblymember Cahill.

Originally recommended decades ago in the 1986 Jones Commission report, this office would be the first in the history of New York's insurance regulatory structure specifically designed to serve the interests of the consumer. The COVID-19 pandemic, for example, caused increased wait time for claims processing and other breakdowns in communication between providers and consumers, highlighting the need for an intermediary who can ensure transparency and fairness in the field of insurance.

While other offices are mandated to help consumers, including the Consumer Assistance Unit in the Department of Financial Services and the Health Care Bureau of the Attorney General's Office, they are limited to investigating and mitigating consumer complaints. The office of Insurance Consumer Advocate would serve consumers more effectively and directly in rate-setting hearings and other proceedings that have a direct impact on their premiums, coverage, and everyday lives.

"This office will level the playing field by guaranteeing the insurance needs of New Yorkers are fully considered by our regulators. This is another important step in standing up for consumers in our state," asserted Cahill.

Having passed the Assembly, this legislation requires approval of the Senate before being sent to the Governor for signature.

Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville Opening for the Season on Memorial Day Weekend

The Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open for the season on Memorial Day Weekend - May 28 and 29th, from noon to 4 p.m..

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

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Senator Mike Martucci Announces Run for Orange County Senate District

Newly Drawn Senate Map Unites Most of the County into One District

GOSHEN, NY - Senator Mike Martucci (R,C-New Hampton) today confirmed that he will be running for re-election in the newly drawn Orange County Senate District. The new district is wholly contained in Orange County and represents the vast majority of the county's population and localities. The map was published by Dr. Jonathan Cervas, a court-appointed Special Master charged with re-drawing New York's state Senate and congressional districts after the Court of Appeals ruled maps drawn by the state Legislature were unconstitutional.

"I am thrilled that the new Orange County Senate District includes my hometown, all of the communities I currently represent, and many that I have gotten to know well over the past several years," said Senator Mike Martucci. "I am well-positioned to continue representing Orange County families in Albany and look forward to earning their support once again."

Since the new map was published, many of Orange County's top officials have thrown their support behind Martucci to be Orange County's Senator.

"Senator Martucci has been a strong advocate for Orange County taxpayers. Having him represent more of Orange County in the state Senate to work for safer communities and better jobs will be good for all of us," said Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus.

"No one is more passionate or hardworking than Senator Martucci. He truly cares about the residents and families of Orange County, and his work ethic will continue to serve us well in Albany," said Orange County Clerk Kelly Eskew.

"Senator Martucci is exactly the right person we need representing us in Albany. His focus and heart are always with the people here at home, and he has consistently delivered for us. I am glad Orange County has leadership like his," said Orange County Legislature Majority Leader Tom Faggione.

"Orange County families have so many concerns right now - from inflation and taxes to crime and quality of life. I trust Senator Martucci will be our strong voice in Albany and stand up for us on these critical issues," said Orange County Republican Committee Chairwoman Courtney Canfield Greene.

So far during his time in the state Senate, Martucci has drawn praise for his ability to work across party lines and deliver results for the people he represents. Past comments from Orange County

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District Attorney Dave Hoovler tout that Martucci has, "worked tirelessly and collaborated on criminal justice issues facing Orange County and the DA's Office."

Martucci seeks to be the first Senator to represent an exclusively Orange County district in the New York State Senate in over 30 years. The proposed senate district includes the cities of Middletown and Port Jervis and the towns of Blooming Grove, Chester, Cornwall, Crawford, Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Highlands, Minisink, Monroe, Mount Hope, New Windsor, Palm Tree, Tuxedo, Wallkill, Warwick, Wawayanda and Woodbury.

"While I have truly cherished my time representing communities in Sullivan, Delaware and Ulster counties, Orange County is my home. It's where I was born and raised, it's where I went to school and got my start in business, and it's where I met my wife and we are raising our children. I have worked tirelessly to keep my promises, deliver results, and build bridges with anyone and everyone for the benefit of our communities. No matter the challenge or the issue, I will always put our Orange County families first in Albany," concluded Martucci.

Mike Martucci is the state Senator for New York's 42nd senate district, serving since January 2021. Prior to elected office, he was a small businessman who employed hundreds of people locally at his former company, Quality Bus Service, which was responsible for safely transporting thousands of school children each day across the Hudson Valley. Mike and his wife Erin own a farm in the Town of Minisink, and they run a charitable foundation to support local women and children in need, education, job creation, and agriculture. They have three children and live in the Town of Wawayanda. Mike earned his MBA and BS at Marist College and graduated with honors from SUNY Orange, where he was also a Board member of the SUNY Orange Foundation.

DEC Announces Draft Regulations to Reduce Waste Sent to Landfills, Improve Waste Management, and Reduce Solid Waste's Climate Change Impacts Proposed Regulations Strengthen State's Solid Waste Management to Protect Public Health and the Environment

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced proposed regulations for review to further protect public health and the environment by making significant changes to several of the State's current regulations governing the management of solid waste. The enhancements would affect how DEC regulates different types of waste and how waste can be repurposed, as well as actions to combat climate change and ensure the ongoing protection of water quality, air quality, and quality of life for New Yorkers.

"Solid waste is a significant contributor to greenhouse gases and continuously enhancing waste management practices plays a key role in New York's efforts to address climate change," Commissioner Seggos said. "With these draft regulations, DEC is advancing policies that will reduce waste at its source and prevent waste from heading to our landfills. Effective waste management is an ongoing and evolving task, but it's one that New York is prepared to meet head-on as we advance our ongoing efforts to support cleaner and healthier communities and protect our natural resources statewide."

The proposed changes to improve solid waste management include but are not limited to:

- Restrictions on allowing composting, mulch facilities/operations at certain facilities, and prohibiting construction and demolition debris processing facilities in mines on Long Island to ensure the protection of drinking water quality;

- Enhancements to the State's process for certain Beneficial Use Determinations for the reuse of materials;

- Clarification of terminology used to describe excavated material and fill material to ensure the protection of the environment;

- Limiting the use of certain excavated material in Long Island, Westchester County, and the New York City Watershed;

- Expansion of exemptions for municipalities collecting source-separated recyclables and changes to help municipalities that hold household hazardous waste collection events;

- Strengthened landfill liner requirements to further enhance the long-term protection of groundwater and new measures required to control odors and better limit landfill gas emissions; and

- Increasing requirements for the transportation of excavated material.

The full text of the proposed amendments to Part 360 Series, Part 371, and Part 377 proposed regulations is available on the DEC website. DEC is accepting public comments on the regulations until July 25, 2022, and is holding two virtual public hearings on the proposed revisions on Tuesday, July 19, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. via WebEx. For information on how to participate in the hearings, go to DEC's website. Comments on the proposed amendments can be submitted by email to SolidWasteRegulations@dec.ny.gov. Please include "Comments on Proposed Part 360 Series" in the subject line of the email."

This announcement builds upon the State's comprehensive waste management efforts to address the impacts of New York's solid waste on climate change and the current burden on municipalities by reducing the amount of materials sent to landfills and combustors and significantly increasing waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.

Other recent related measures include newly adopted regulations to reduce electronic waste and the use of polystyrene foam, and the ban on plastic carryout bags. New York State also continues to engage in a range of partnerships with academic institutions to advance waste management efforts to benefit communities, the environment, and fight climate change, including an expansion of the partnership with the University at Buffalo announced last month. Additional information about these efforts and DEC's ongoing waste reduction education efforts can be found at DEC's website.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on FDA Authorizing First Booster Dose for Children 5 to 11

"Today, renowned pediatric health experts and doctors at the Food and Drug Administration authorized the first COVID-19 booster dose for five to 11 year olds. I know this is particularly welcome news for parents and guardians all over New York who have been patiently waiting to give their children the extra-layer of protection that the booster dose provides against serious illness from COVID-19. Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation, New York will be ready to offer boosters to this newly eligible population.

"Boosters are widely available, free, and safe. And, when it comes to protecting New Yorkers from COVID-19, they continue to be our best defense. Still, with just over half of eligible New Yorkers boosted, we need more New Yorkers—adults and children alike—to take advantage of this life-saving tool.

"So, my message to parents and guardians is this: on the heels of this very good news, let's set an example for our kids. Get boosted, then get your kids boosted as soon as they're eligible. There is no better time than now, so that our children are protected against COVID-19 as they head into summer vacation and gear up for the upcoming school year.

"At the state level, we will continue to make sure these tools are available to all New Yorkers as we work together to move safely forward through this pandemic."

A Great Catskills Weekend Returns - the Summer Gathering and Great Outdoor Expo Summer Gathering Panel to Include NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey

May 18, 2022 -- Arkville, NY: Our Summer Gathering and Catskills Great Outdoor Expo return after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Catskill Center is hosting the Summer Gathering at its Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper, NY, June 10. The Great Outdoor Expo is being held the following day, also at the Catskills Visitor Center.



New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey is among the panelists for the Summer Gathering's "State of the Catskills" discussion. Other stewards of the environment, economy, and culture serving on the panel are Jeffrey Rider, Assistant Director of Division of Lands and Forests, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; Heather Bagshaw, Director of Tourism of Greene County Tourism; Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center; Christina Hunt Wood, Visual Artist and Community Organizer, Get Woke! Catskills; and Liz Callahan, former Executive Director of Hanford Mills Museum.

In addition to hearing about the state of the Catskills and the direction it's headed, the Summer Gathering also is an opportunity to mingle with Catskills visitors, residents, and others for an evening of food, music, games, and a bonfire.

The Catskills Great Outdoor Expo features the best the Catskills have to offer in hiking, paddling, bicycling, and all outdoor recreation activities. The Expo will be filled with dozens of exhibitors from the outdoor tourism industry and nonprofits in the Catskills. There will be activities for all ages, food, presentations, raffle prizes, and the Catskills Great Outdoor Gear Sale, the proceeds from which benefit the Catskill Center's work.

"We're excited to welcome the public back to the Catskills Visitor Center with two important events for our region," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "The annual Summer Gathering is a celebration of the Catskills and our efforts to protect them, while the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo is the perfect opportunity to get yourself ready to enjoy the Catskills amazing outdoors with the chance to meet so many businesses, individuals, and organizations involved in the region."

The Catskill Center is accepting gear donations through the end of May. You may drop off gently-used items at the Erpf Center at 43355 State Route 28 in Arkville Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm or at the Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mount Tremper, any day except Tuesdays between 9:30 am and 4 pm.

Summer Gathering - Friday, June 10, 2022, from 5 pm - 8 pm, with the "State of the Catskills" panel discussion from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

The Catskills Great Outdoor Expo - Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 10 am - 3 pm.

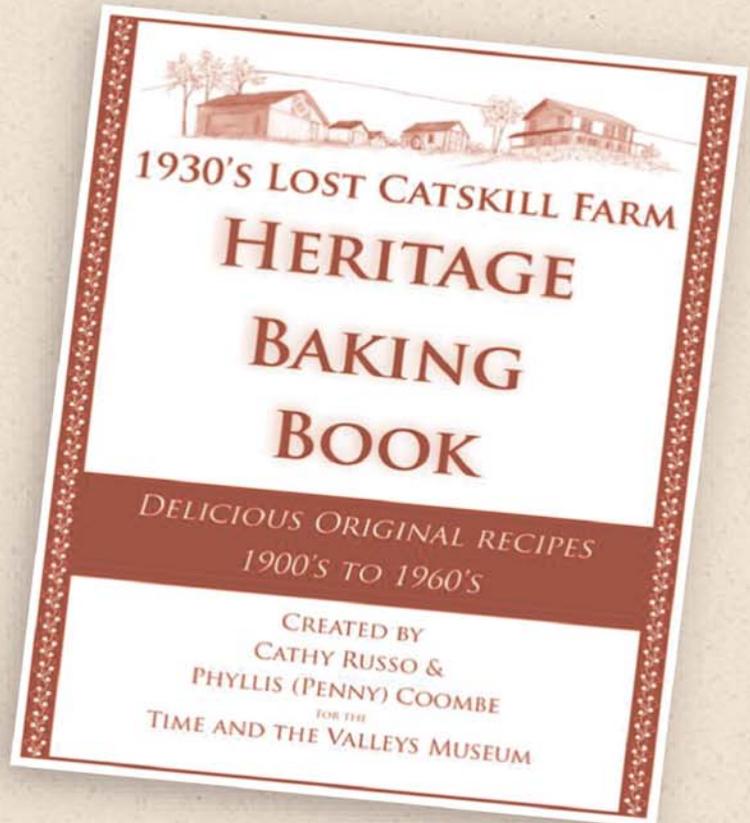
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Gillibrand, Rounds Lead Forty-four Senators in Bipartisan Push to Fully Fund U.S. -Israel Missile Defense Cooperation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Mike Rounds (R-SD) led a bipartisan group of 44 senators in calling for \$500 million to fully fund U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs in the Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2023. Israel's missile defense system is made up of four operational layers: Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow 2 and now Arrow 3. In addition to contributing to ballistic missile defense, the funding will support crucial work on research, development and test activities to counter hostile unmanned aerial systems.

"This vital funding will help Israel save lives and defend itself, while also strengthening U.S. national security, and furthering research and development," said Senator Gillibrand. "The U.S.-Israel relationship is unshakeable and I'm proud to lead this strong group of bipartisan senators to ensure Israel has the resources needed to protect its people."

"We have had a great deal of success in improving our missile defense systems working with Israel," said Senator Rounds. "The advancements we have been able to make in this cooperative effort will benefit our defense capabilities as well as those of our ally Israel. This missile defense system has also saved the lives of countless Israeli and Palestinian citizens living in Israel. It is important that we continue to authorize and fund these systems."

Senators Gillibrand and Rounds have long led this bipartisan letter in support of U.S.-Israeli cooperative missile defense programs, which advance U.S. national security interests by supporting Israel's ability to defend itself against missile and rocket attacks. For several years, the senators have led letters that have secured at least \$500 million annually for these important programs. In the Senate, Gillibrand has led the letter dating back to at least 2012.

In addition to Senators Gillibrand and Rounds, the letter was signed by Senators Baldwin (D-WI), Bennet (D-CO), Blumenthal (D-CT), Booker (D-NJ), Brown (D-OH), Cantwell (D-WA), Cardin (D-MD), Casey (D-PA), Coons (D-DE), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Cramer (R-ND), Daines (R-MT), Duckworth (D-IL), Feinstein (D-CA), Fischer (R-NE), Hassan (D-NH), Hickenlooper (D-CO), Kaine (D-VA), Kelly (D-AZ), Klobuchar (D-MN), Lankford (R-OK), Luján (D-NM), Markey (D-MA), Marshall (R-KS), Menendez (D-NJ), Merkley (D-OR), Ossoff (D-GA), Padilla (D-CA), Peters (D-MI), Rosen (D-NV), Rubio (R-FL), Schatz (D-HI), Scott (R-FL), Sinema (D-AZ), Smith (D-MN), Stabenow (D-MI), Thune (R-SD), Van Hollen (D-MD), Warner (D-VA), Warnock (D-GA), Wyden (D-OR) and Young (R-IN).

Gillibrand Statement on House Intelligence Committee Hearing on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on today's House Intelligence Committee hearing on unidentified aerial phenomena:

"We are grateful to the House Intelligence Committee, especially subcommittee Chairman Carson and Ranking Member Crawford, for hosting today's hearing on unidentified aerial phenomena. Public congressional interest in this issue will contribute toward countering the stigma faced by service members and others in reporting their own encounters with UAP, thereby improving our own data collection to help resolve this national security issue.

The language we secured in the National Defense Authorization Act made it clear that the Department of Defense and other agencies must urgently approach this issue in a broad manner and consider all origins of UAP, known or unknown. The level of bipartisan interest from the national security committees in Congress -- as well as from the American people -- make it clear that the Department cannot delay in staffing the NDAA-established office, developing a science plan, and integrating already existing data to properly investigate these phenomena. Our national security demands that the Department move on this issue with haste and maintain transparency with Congress."

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Governor Hochul Announces Applications Open for 2022 Carey Gabay Scholarship Program

Five Exemplary Incoming Students to be Selected for the Scholarship Program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the State University of New York is now accepting 2022 applications for the Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors Carey Gabay, an attorney and public servant who was tragically killed as an innocent victim of gun violence in 2015. This program provides full scholarships to five incoming SUNY students who exemplify Gabay's commitment to social justice, leadership, and mentoring, as well as his personal story of academic success and overcoming his economically-disadvantaged background.

Carey Gabay represented the best of us and with this scholarship, his dedication to justice lives on," Governor Hochul said. "Students who are awarded the Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship have the opportunity to honor his name and continue his legacy by leading our state forward toward a more fair and equal future, and I encourage all who are committed to creating a better New York to apply."

SUNY Interim Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley said, "The Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship is more than an opportunity for five students to receive a top-tier education, it also serves as a reminder that his activism continues to inspire SUNY students who walk in his footsteps as our future change-makers and leaders in social justice. We thank Governor Hochul for her personal commitment to higher education as a means for equity and economic mobility, and we look forward to welcoming five new bright minds to our esteemed campuses, lifting them up so that they may achieve their dreams."

Founder of the Carey Gabay Foundation Trenelle Gabay said, "Carey was taken from us far too soon, but from tragedy has come the opportunity to lead New York's students toward a brighter tomorrow. The fairness and justice Carey stood for live on through this scholarship and also through the Carey Gabay Foundation which serves to mentor disadvantaged youth that are far too often overlooked. I thank Governor Hochul for keeping Carey's legacy alive and look forward to announcing this year's recipients."

Gabay grew up living in public housing and attending public school in the Bronx. After a successful high school career, he went on to graduate from Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He had a longstanding commitment to public service and giving back to those around him, and while at Harvard University, he ran to become the president of his undergraduate student body. During his career, he worked tirelessly in public service, beginning in 2011 as assistant counsel to the former governor and later as first deputy counsel for the Empire State Development Corporation.

The Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship will once again award full scholarships to five students to attend four-year SUNY colleges beginning in the 2022-23 school year. These scholar-

ships will cover all costs of attendance, including tuition, room and board, college fees, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses. Scholarship recipients will also participate in a mentoring program. Applications are due by June 30, 2022.

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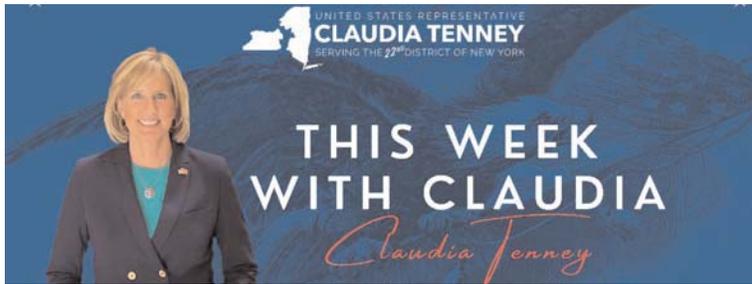
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Expanding Access to Baby Formula for Upstate Families - Tenney Discusses the Baby Formula Shortage

This week, I voted in favor of H.R. 7791, the Access to Baby Formula Act to help lessen the impacts of the current supply shortage. The legislation improves access to baby formula in a meaningful way by expanding the list of infant formulas eligible for participants in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. This includes almost half of all infants born in the United States. This legislation will help put formula in the hands of more families and caregivers.

Passing the Access to Baby Formula Act is a commonsense step Congress can take immediately to expand access to a wider list of formulas for participants in WIC. Now it is time for the Biden Administration to step up. President Biden must act immediately to lift key regulatory barriers that are limiting production and remove restrictions that are preventing well-regulated formulas from being imported. These steps will provide immediate relief to families and address critical supply issues until domestic producers can fully meet the demand.

Please know that my office is available to assist individuals struggling to locate baby formula for their children. If you or anyone you know needs help, please call my office at 202-225-3665. We are here to serve you!

An Update on the Upcoming WHO Assembly

Many constituents have contacted me with concerns about the upcoming World Health Assembly in Geneva later this month. Make no mistake about it, the World Health Organization (WHO) abjectly failed in its response to COVID-19. This is exactly why President Donald J. Trump's Administration proposed a revised set of guidelines for the organization that would reform this failed institution and hold China accountable for its outsized and corrupting influence.

I will always fight for the interests of the American people and only support measures that enhance the accountability, transparency, and integrity of the WHO and all other international organizations, while ensuring our sovereignty is never infringed. When I took my oath of office, I committed to defending and upholding the United States Constitution, not the interests of elite bureaucrats in Davos, Brussels, Geneva or New York. I'll never waver in this commitment.

The WHO has continuously failed to uphold its mandate responsibly and has proven to be a mouthpiece for the Communist Chinese Party (CCP) since before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The United States must stand up to China. The reforms we push at the Assembly must safeguard our sovereignty, while reforming the corrupt system that enabled the CCP to cover up the COVID-19 pandemic for so long. These are the priorities I will continue to fight for and they are the standards to which I will hold the Biden Administration.

Continuing my Fight to Ensure no Taxpayer Funding for Abortions!

This week, I led a letter to House Appropriators asking them

to rescind more than \$65 million from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Executive Slush Fund after the SBA illicitly forgave nearly \$70 million in taxpayer-funded Paycheck Protection Program loans to Planned Parenthood.

I was joined by 68 of my colleagues on the letter, including the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus Co-Chair Chris Smith (NJ-04), House Republican Conference Vice Chairman Mike Johnson (LA-04), and Republican Study Committee Chairman Jim Banks (IN-03). The full text of my letter is available [here](#).

Congress writes the laws and federal agencies like the SBA are bound to abide by them. I am dismayed by the SBA's lack of transparency and accountability for knowingly violating the law by forgiving loans it should have never awarded to Planned Parenthood in the first place. As a result, I am urging my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee to withhold funding from the SBA's discretionary executive account for the fiscal year 2023 equal to the number of loans illegally forgiven for Planned Parenthood affiliates. The American people strongly oppose taxpayer-funded abortions, and they deserve better than this.

My Bipartisan Legislation to Promote Entrepreneurship Passes House Small Business Committee

This week, the House Small Business Committee passed a bipartisan bill that I co-led to promote female entrepreneurship: the Women-Owned Small Business Program Transparency Act. It passed the Committee unanimously and will increase transparency and accountability for the WOSB program.

As a longtime small business owner, I understand firsthand the challenges that all small business owners face daily, particularly those unique to women. This legislation will strengthen the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program by ensuring it works for taxpayers and our nation's small businesses.

Reaffirming Existing Legal Protections for Women

On Thursday, I joined with other Republican women, including Representatives Debbie Lesko, Mary Miller, Diana Harshbarger, Vicky Hartzler, and Victoria Spartz, to introduce a resolution establishing a Women's Bill of Rights to reaffirm legal protections afforded to women under Federal law.

Women have fought long and hard to secure the freedoms that are rightly theirs. It is a tragedy that the Democrat party has tried to redefine gender to fit their woke ideological viewpoints in ways that diminish participation in women's sports, impact access to women's shelters, and more. Instead of dismissing the unique characteristics of women, we should use the approaching 50th anniversary of Title IX to celebrate these differences.

Additional Action to Address the Baby Formula Shortage

As I mentioned above, our country is facing a massive baby formula shortage, impacting mothers and children everywhere, including throughout New York. On Thursday, I teamed up with my colleagues to address this crisis.

First, I sent a letter with more than 100 of my House Republican Colleagues calling on the Biden Administration and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to immediately address the shortage. The full text of the letter to President Biden and FDA Commissioner Robert Califf is available [here](#). I then joined a press conference to discuss the issue and highlight the need for a prompt response.

The nationwide out-of-stock percentage for baby formula rose to 43% during the first week of May, an increase from 30% just a month earlier. While a large safety recall by manufacturer Abbott contributed to the current shortage, the Administration's failure to sustainably address supply chain disruptions and regulatory hurdles impacting the baby formula industry have exacerbated the situation. I'm working to address both these issues in Congress.

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This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 56)

My Votes Explained

I am working every day to bring transparency to Congress, and part of this effort includes keeping you updated on what bills passed the House each week and how I voted on each piece of legislation. If you have any questions related to my votes, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington office at 202-225-3665.

I voted "No" on H.R. 6531, the Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act of 2022. This bill will direct additional federal funding to high-poverty areas throughout the country. While it may be well-intentioned, this bill is overly broad and fails to fairly consider areas of high poverty across the country, including in rural areas like those across upstate New York. For example, none of the communities in New York's 22nd district would fit under the definition of communities in need as outlined in the legislation. The broad authority of this bill in the hands of the Biden Administration - or any Administration for that matter - also means that Executive Branch agencies could utilize taxpayer dollars in inappropriate ways and without adequate oversight and direction from Congress. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 258 - 165.

I voted "No" on S. 2938, a bill to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the 'Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building.' As a member of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Hatchett wrote the majority opinion overturning the right of students at the Duval County School System to select, by majority vote, a message or prayer to be read during their graduation ceremony. This overreaching decision violated the right of freedom of religion and had a chilling effect on American civic life. It is important as a country that we resist radical attempts to demonize faith and our nation's strong and proud heritage of religious expression. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 230-190, with one member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H. Res. 1125, Condemning Antisemitism. This resolution calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms. It also calls for renewed efforts to combat anti-Semitism domestically, globally, and online. We must unequivocally denounce and condemn hate, violence, and harassment targeting the Jewish people. Congress must continue to stand together and work tirelessly to identify, call out and eradicate anti-Semitism in any form. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5738, the Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to guarantee that each VA medical center has a location, separate from a restroom, for mothers to breastfeed their children. This location must be private, handicap accessible, clearly identifiable, and easy to locate. Similar spaces are already available for women who work in VA medical facilities, and this legislation expands upon available breastfeeding spaces to include women Veterans and visitors. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7335, the MST Claims Coordination Act. This legislation requires that the VA provide additional resources to individuals immediately following situations involving military sexual trauma (MST). These additional resources include outreach letters, information on the Veterans Crisis Line, information on how to make an appointment with a mental health provider, in addition to any additional resources such as peer support specialists that may be relevant. I will always support our nation's Veterans and their access to critical mental health services, especially following such traumatic events. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 417-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6064, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of examinations, furnished by the Secretary, to individuals who submit claims to the Secretary for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38,

United States Code, for mental and physical conditions linked to military sexual trauma (MST). This legislation requires the VA and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to collaborate in conducting a review of VA medical examinations for those submitting service-connected MST disability claims. This review shall also include an examination of MST-related physical and mental examinations to assess the connection between MST and any identifiable impairments. This legislation ensures a comprehensive review of the VA's claims process to identify and correct potential shortfalls. This bill passed by a vote of 414-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2724, the VA Peer Support Enhancement of MST Survivors Act. This legislation requires the VA to provide a peer support specialist for each individual filing an MST claim unless the individual declines. Peer support specialists must be trained as victim advocates and are not involved in adjudicating a service member's claim. This legislation guarantees that sexual assault survivors in the military have access to vital peer support networks that the VA has not yet developed. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420-0. **I voted "Yes" on S. 4089, the Veterans Rapid Restraining Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery Act.** This legislation restores benefits for Veterans whose education was halted as a result of school closures and loss of eligibility under the Veteran Rapid Restraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) and authorizes the VA to recoup federal dollars from fraudulent schools. This program served as a critical source of job training and economic support, yet countless Veterans were defrauded by ill-intentioned schools looking to make a profit. This legislation rights this egregious wrong and restores benefits for affected Veterans. This bill passed by a vote of 401-17.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2533, the Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act. This legislation requires the VA to submit a plan for improving Veteran breast imaging services. Under this bill, the VA must implement a tele-screening mammography program for those lacking access to VA facilities, upgrade facility mammography services, update policies to improve service, and ensure accessibility of breast imaging sites when transferring veterans to non-VA providers. The VA must also partner with centers for the National Cancer Institute across each Veterans Integrated Service Network to expand and increase the quality of women veteran cancer care, including tele-health options for rural areas. An estimated 1 in 8 women across the United States will develop breast cancer over the course of this lifetime, presenting an urgent need to update existing VA infrastructure to account for the needs of women veterans everywhere. This bill passed by a vote of 419-0.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2102, the Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act. This legislation expands eligibility for VA mammography screenings for veterans who served in various locations and combat zones, across specified time periods, that may have placed them at an elevated risk of exposure to toxic substances. As service-related illnesses involving toxic exposure continue emerging, it's essential that Congress expand eligibility for life-saving screening services. This bill passed by a vote of 418-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6052, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act of 2021. This bill would direct the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide training to its employees developed by the VA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) on topics such as how to report wrongdoing or respond to requests from the OIG. This bill would recognize the opportunities for employees to engage with OIG staff to improve the VA's programs, operations, and services. In doing so, it also protects employees from unwarranted retaliation. This bill would also help the VA to identify circumstances and mechanisms for better reporting fraud, waste, and abuse. This bill passed by a vote of 407-11. (Contd. Pg 58)

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My Votes Explained

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6943, the Public Safety Officer Support Act. This bill would expand the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program to include coverage for public safety officers who die because of suicide or are disabled because of job-related trauma. Currently, the PSOB provides disability relief to families of officers who died or who have been permanently disabled as a result of a physical injury. The work of public safety officers - firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians - places them at an increased risk for developing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The bill creates an avenue for officers to seek disability benefits for PTSD linked to severe job-related trauma and allows the families of officers who are lost to trauma-linked suicide to apply for death benefits. This bill passed by a vote of 402-17.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2992, the TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act. This bill would provide better training to law enforcement for interactions with individuals suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Developing and implementing training programs that provide information on recognizing the signs and symptoms of TBI and PTSD can help improve emergency response, public and first responder safety, and interactions between first responders and individuals with these conditions. Further, by better understanding the prevalence of TBI and PTSD among our nation's law enforcement officers and first responders, we can take essential steps to promote officer health and wellness. This bill passed by a vote of 400-21.

I voted "Yes" on H.R.7791, the Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022. Across the country countless families have had trouble finding baby formula, making them spend countless hours searching stores for this necessity. This formula shortage is even worse for families who rely on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Current WIC guidelines limit the types of baby formula that recipients can buy for their infants. This bipartisan bill will allow the Secretary to temporarily waive these limits to allow WIC beneficiaries to have greater choice during periods of supply disruption. It is a reasonable solution to provide immediate relief to families in need. This bill passed the House by a vote of 414-9.

I voted "No" on H.R. 350, the partisan Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022. All persons performing acts of terrorism must be brought to justice under the full force of the law. That is why the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and Federal Bureau of Investigation all have multiple agencies, offices, and initiatives to prevent, investigate, and prosecute acts of domestic terrorism. This current legislation was originally drafted by House Democrats to target Americans who lawfully advocated against excessively restrictive COVID-19 mandates and parents who attended their local school board meetings. Now, Democrats are using a tragic situation to revive this deeply flawed bill. Like the Biden Administration's proposed "Ministry of Truth," this bill needlessly injects partisanship into the non-partisan work of the Homeland Security Department, which should not be motivated by politics in carrying out its vital law enforcement and investigative functions. The bill creates new, duplicative, and costly processes and could also negatively impact American civil liberties. It also focuses on a narrow definition of domestic terrorism that deliberately omits far-left extremist movements like Antifa. This bill passed the House by a vote of 231-192.

I voted "No" on H.R. 7790, the Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act. This bill gives \$28 million to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to address the ongoing baby formula shortage, without providing any meaningful guidance or requiring the Biden Administration to take meaningful

actions to ensure this never occurs again. But the fact of the matter is that the FDA and Department of Agriculture already have millions of dollars available to address supply chain issues. That's why this bill is a too-little-too-late feel-good measure designed to create the illusion of action without providing any immediate relief. Rather than this political theater, Congress should be taking real action to force President Biden to immediately lift key regulatory barriers that are limiting production and remove restrictions that are preventing well-regulated formulas from being imported. These steps will provide immediate relief and address critical supply issues. Ultimately, this bill as drafted and considered will not put more formula on store shelves, nor will it hold the FDA accountable for its mishandling of this issue. However, it will needlessly waste more of your money without proper guidance or oversight - it is the worst impulse of Washington to think it can throw money at a problem, without actually providing meaningful solutions to address it. We need real, sensible solutions that reinforce our domestic baby formula production so American families can always have access to this staple. This bill passed by a vote of 222 - 203.

I voted "No" on H.R. 7309, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Many businesses across the country are suffering from worker shortages and are unable to find employees with the proper skill sets and training. The solution should be to work with companies and employers to boost workforce development training options and opportunities for Americans. Unfortunately, this bill includes many far-left provisions that completely detach workforce training from the actual needs of employers, diluting employer voices and needs in our nation's workplace training policies and programs. In addition, it bans workforce boards from partnering with employer-based apprenticeships and mandates the use of union-preferred registered apprenticeships, needlessly reducing options for students. It also bans any for-profit institutions from participating in federal workforce training programs, excluding many existing training facilities with strong track records of success. Finally, it allows training programs to bypass the needs of employers in determining their training standards, undermining the entire system. These irresponsible changes will damage our nation's workforce training programs and fail to provide the necessary reforms needed to unleash opportunities for America's workers and job creators alike. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 220-196.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2520, the State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act of 2021. This bill would encourage federal cybersecurity experts to share information surrounding cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and breaches with state and local government officials, as well as share resources to prevent and recover from cyber attacks. State and local governments increasingly find themselves the targets of cyberattacks, resulting in millions in taxpayer dollars lost and private data for millions of Americans compromised. This legislation would help local governments provide critical services to residents in the event of such attacks. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 404-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6873, the Bombing Prevention Act of 2022. This bill formally establishes the Office of Bombing Prevention in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and creates additional measures to enhance our government's ability to detect, protect against, and respond to explosive terrorist attacks. This would help protect our critical infrastructure, houses of worship, and schools from bomb threats and attacks. This bill passed by a vote of 388-26.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6871, the DHS Acquisition Reform Act. This bill tasks the DHS undersecretary for management with new responsibilities including leading the Department's acquisition oversight body, the DHS Acquisition Review Board, in addition to evaluating the risks of failure to achieve costs and advising the secretary on all acquisition management activities. This bill passed by a vote of 398-15. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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My Votes Explained

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6868, the Cybersecurity Grants for Schools Act of 2022. This bill authorizes the Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to award grants to states, local governments, and education institutions for cybersecurity curriculum and educational tools. The idea is to incorporate cybersecurity into K-12 education to train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. By incorporating cybersecurity into our school's curriculum, we will be able to bring up the next generation with a strong foundation in the cybersecurity workforce. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 383-30.

I voted "Yes" on S. 3527, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer the name of property of the Department of Veterans Affairs designated by law to other property of the Department. This bill updates the requirements for transferring the name of a property from one Department of VA property to another. This allows the Department to transfer naming of properties more efficiently and effectively. This bill passed by a vote of 412-2.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1760, to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic". Senator Akaka was the first native Hawaiian to serve in the Senate. He strongly supported many vital defense programs and was active in bringing attention to drug addiction and supporting harsher sentences for drug dealers. After retiring from the Senate in 2013, he passed away in 2018. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 384-22, with 4 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2514, to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center." Col. Halvorsen was born in Utah, where he joined the Civil Air Patrol prior to enlisting in the Air Force in 1942. Assigned to Germany in 1948, Halvorsen was selected as one of the pilots to participate in the Berlin Airlift, during which he gained the nickname "Candy Bomber" for dropping candy to German Children during the operation. He was also the founder of "Operation Little Vittles" where he dropped candy using miniature parachutes to the people of Berlin, for which he received a Congressional Gold Medal. Col. Halvorsen's candy dropping efforts continued across the world for another 25 years. Colonel Halvorsen delivered compassion, kindness, and, yes, candy during some of the most tumultuous years of the 20th century. Following his passing this February at 101, it is my privilege to honor Col. Halvorsen's memory by supporting this legislation. This bill passed by a vote of 410-1, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7500, the Fiscal Year 2022 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act. This legislation authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out specified major medical facility projects for FY22 and establishes a maximum amount that can be spent for each project. These projects include hospitals, community living and mental health centers, research facilities, spinal cord injury buildings, as well as various renovations and repairs for facilities across the nation. Included in this bill is up to \$443,900,000 for the construction of a community living center and renovation of a domiciliary and outpatient facilities in Canandaigua, New York. Congress must do more to support our nation's Veterans and guarantee access to the care they so desperately need. A brand new, state-of-the-art facility in Canandaigua will provide a much-needed update to New York's veteran service network. This bill passed the House of Representative by a vote of 402-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5754, the Patient Advocate Tracker Act.

I am a cosponsor of this bill, which requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Patient Advocacy to establish an electronic system for veterans and patient advocates to file a complaint, as well as review its status once submitted. It is imperative that we increase transparency and accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs, especially as countless veterans struggle daily to receive much needed care, or simply schedule an appointment. While there is still much more progress to be made, this legislation serves as a positive step in the right direction. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 411-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6604, the Veterans Eligibility to Transfer School (VETS) Credit Act. This legislation streamlines the method by which college credits are transferred if a student Veteran's school closes or their program abruptly ends. This bill requires that the VA work with students to explain the transfer process and provide necessary certificates of eligibility to show proof of restored benefits. After bravely serving our country, Veterans are rightfully entitled to a full range of education benefits. In the event that an institution or program concludes unexpectedly, it is essential that we eliminate unnecessary confusion and ensure our Veterans retain their hard-earned course credits. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412-1.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2687, the Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act. This legislation grants the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) the power to subpoena witnesses until May 31, 2025. The VA OIG may not issue any subpoenas as part of a criminal proceeding and must notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) of the witnesses to be subpoenaed. Providing the VA OIG with subpoena authority will increase accountability and expand Congress and the VA's ability for oversight and review of the health care system. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 404-6.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7375, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to update its payment system to allow for electronic fund transfer of VA educational assistance to a foreign institution of higher education that provides an approved course of education to eligible recipients and does not have an employer identification number or an account with a domestic bank. Student Veterans should have the opportunity to receive education abroad. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 397-15.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6376, the Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act. This bill would allow part-time student Veterans to access the VA Work Study programs, ensuring they can complete their certification or degree without taking on unmanageable amounts of student debt and still care for themselves and their family. Currently, work-study programs are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for student Veterans enrolled in secondary education programs full-time, including vocational or professional programs. But many Veterans have difficulty enrolling full-time while balancing their work, family, and oftentimes a VA-related disability. This legislation would help ensure that our Veterans have the full range of work opportunities while furthering their education. The bill passed by a vote of 370-43.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7153, the Department of Veterans Affairs Principles of Benefits Automation Act. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for the modernization of the information technology systems of the Veterans Benefits Administration over the next five fiscal years. This bill would help modernize the delivery of compensation benefits to disabled veterans and bring the Veterans Benefits Administration into the 21st century. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 410-3. (Contd. Pg. 60)

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I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6824, the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition Act. This bill would financially reward the best and brightest federal employees and service members who prove their skills by successfully completing an array of cyber challenges. Since 2019, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has run the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition, an annual event which aims to identify, challenge, and reward the best cybersecurity talent in the federal workforce. The President's Cup was created in response to Executive Order 13870: America's Cybersecurity Workforce, but it had never become law. This legislation would codify the competition and ensure that CISA can provide a monetary award to the successful competitors. This bill passed the House by 386-61.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6825, the Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022. This bill would expand and strengthen the Nonprofit Security Grant Program that helps secure nonprofits and houses of worship against terrorism. In response to the growth in the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which was funded at \$180 million last year, the bill directs FEMA to establish a dedicated office within FEMA to administer the program and provide greater outreach, engagement, education, technical assistance, and support to eligible nonprofits. This legislation would enhance security for houses of worship and protect Americans and our faith communities from terrorism and hate crimes. This bill passed the House by 288-129.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5658, the DHS Roles and Responsibilities in CyberSpace Act. Within a year of passage, this bill requires the Department of Homeland Security to submit a report to the House and Senate Homeland Security committees outlining its responses to various cybersecurity incidents. The report must also clarify the responsibilities of the Department in responding to those incidents. This legislation will help policymakers determine the current threat environment and improve it to meet future threats and cyber attacks. It is critical that the federal government has well-formulated and transparent roles and responsibilities for dealing with such attacks and that Congress understands these roles and has the ability to shape them. This bill passed the House by 313-105.

Gillibrand, Rubio Statement on Bipartisan VA Burn Pits Package

Washington, D.C. -U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Marco Rubio, original authors of the Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act, issued the following statement on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee deal to help veterans exposed to burn pits:

"This bipartisan agreement represents an enormous victory for service members across the country who have been suffering for years from their exposure to toxic burn pits. Under this agreement, our nation's brave men and women in uniform and their families would no longer need to jump through unnecessary hoops to get the health care that they've earned.

"We are proud that our bipartisan Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act formed the centerpiece of the presumptive benefits section in this monumental bill. We thank all of our partners in this fight, especially Chairman Tester and Ranking Member Moran, as well as the Veterans Service Organizations, Jon Stewart, and John Feal for their tireless advocacy and support. We look forward to working alongside Senate leadership to get this bill on President Joe Biden's desk as quickly as possible in order to uphold Congress' obligation to our veterans, and most importantly, save lives."

In March 2022, the House of Representatives passed the Honoring Our PACT Act, which included provisions of Senator Gillibrand's Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act. Gillibrand originally introduced the bipartisan and bicameral War Fighters Act alongside Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

The bill would create a presumptive service connection for more than 20 categories of diseases and streamline the process for veterans to obtain benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It would remove the "burden of proof" from the veteran to provide enough evidence to establish a direct service connection between their health condition and exposure.



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Craft and Vendor Fair, Community Yard Sale,
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All Vendors are wanted!

New, Used, and Handmade items -- Something for Everyone!!

When: Saturday, August 27th, 2022

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Rd
Claryville, NY 12725

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM

Break Down by 3 PM

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$15 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$20 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- ****Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise****

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at claryvillefd@gmail.com.

Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!



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Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 27th, 2022

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

of tables needed: _____ Electricity needed (inside the building only): Yes___ No___

Choose type of table: 8ft table _____ or 8ft picnic table (outside) _____

*Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.
spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

Amount Due: _____ Check if paid: cash: _____ check #: _____

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$15.00 per 8ft table or \$20.00 an 8ft table with electricity. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes___ No___

Event time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Set Up is 8:00 AM

****I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise**** Initials: _____ date: _____

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot!

****Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! ****

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***Appointments are required**

***Pre-registration of ALL animals is required**

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Sunday, June 5, 2022
(Rain date Sunday June 12)
1:00PM
Iatauro Sports Complex, Tri-Valley School

After two years, we're excited to see you race again!

All races are girls, then boys

Awards in all races

No entry fee

AGES

3 and Under 80 Meters

4 100M

5 200M

6 400M

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11 800M

12 800M

13 800M

14 800M

Moms and Dads race 800M

Joggers estimated time 800M

Race sign up begins at 12:45

Spring Into Self Care

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Revitalize & Cleanse Through the Spring Season

Two separate workshops

Breathwork & Relaxation Techniques for Spring

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Are you ready to feel clarity of the mind,
move toward emotional balance and feel nourished in the body?

May's workshop will include: breathwork, relaxation techniques,
aromatherapy, exercise for the spring and a yoga position guide for at home application.

You can join one or both of these free workshops for a holistic experience rooted in balance this spring season. You do not have to attend one to attend another. Registration for each workshop will be open at the beginning of each month, for adult residence of Tr-Valley at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.



Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.

Kelsey is a Holistic Health Coach with a background in Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki. Her passion is to uncover the root causes of dis-ease and disconnection in the lives of others and guide them in their discovery toward the nature of the true Self. She founded EyeAwaken Wellness to bring these ancient wellness teachings into modern lifestyles with the intention to integrate them in ways that feel inspiring, nourishing and aligned to YOU!

Click here to register for Daniel Pierce Library Spring into Self Care Workshop
<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/spring-into-self-care-workshop/>



A Day in the Life of a Farm Family

Sunday, June 5
1 to 4 p.m.

Unique 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with historic house, milk house, 1870s barn, working waterwheel and more!



- ☛ Demonstrations of Ice Cream & Butter Making, Spinning & Weaving & More
- ☛ Interactive Fun Activities
- ☛ Guided Tours
- ☛ Fun for the Whole Family

\$5 Per Person
\$2 under 16
Members FREE
Rain or Shine!

Time and the Valleys Museum

St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

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



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

Ulster County and Catholic Charities Share Resources for Parents who are Struggling to Find Formula for their Babies

County Executive Ryan and Catholic Charities want to ensure that all families who need formula are aware of available supply at local nonprofits

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Amidst a nationwide shortage of infant formula, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Catholic Charities shared a list of resources for parents who are struggling to find formula to feed their babies. A number of local non-profits have available supplies of infant formula and can also refer parents to other resources. Additionally, participants or eligible residents can reach out to the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program at the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH).

"As the parent of a young infant, I understand how stressful this situation can be. That is why we are working with Catholic Charities and our local nonprofits to make sure that all parents know where they can find baby formula, if it isn't available at their regular source," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I am optimistic that with the help of our robust non-profit network and steps recently taken at the Federal level, we will get through this moment. I want to thank Catholic Charities for springing into action to help our residents and for their consistent leadership in our community."

"Proper nutrition is essential to a baby's health and development and for many young families this includes access to baby formula. Last year, Catholic Charities assisted 1,046 households with baby essentials, including formula. We've seen firsthand the challenges marginalized and vulnerable families face providing their infants with necessary nutrition - and this has been exacerbated by the shortage," Shannon Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster, said. "We're grateful to be working with the Ulster County Government and other community partners to ensure parents in need receive supplies to keep babies healthy and growing."

Available resources for those struggling to find infant formula include:

- o Your pediatrician, who may be able to provide advice on other formula brands that may be suitable for your infant, or may have a supply of formula in office.
- o The following non-profits, who are currently accepting and distributing formula:
 - o Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster - 6 Adams Street, Kingston, NY 12401, 845-340-9170 ext. 3000
 - o Maternal Infant Services Network - 70 Lindsley Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401, 845-762-6948
 - o Family of Woodstock - 31 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401, 845-331-7080
 - o Ulster Immigrant Defense Network- 30 Pinegrove Ave, Kingston, NY 12401, 888-726-7276
 - o For participants of or those eligible for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, the UCDOH WIC program is reachable at (845) 340-3965. WIC provides infant formula as well as lactation support for program participants. UCDOH WIC staff can also screen individuals who are not currently enrolled in the program.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill Call Upon PSC to Suspend Central Hudson Rate Increases, Apply Penalties, and Require Transparency

- *The Ulster County Executive, State Senator and Assemblymember call upon the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Department of Public Service (DPS) to take actions to protect consumers during their investigation of Central Hudson*
- *he Ulster County Executive, State Senator and Assemblymember provide the Public Service Commission investigation 45 comments from the May 3rd public hearing on Central Hudson's billing practices*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill announced today that they sent a joint letter to Rory Christian, Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), calling for immediate actions to protect consumers while the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) investigates Fortis/Central Hudson. Among their requests, that the PSC suspend the rate increase set to go into effect in July and restrict any rate increases until the closure of the investigation; that the DPS and PSC use its fullest authority to seek and apply penalties against the Company and order Fortis/Central Hudson to directly compensate residential and small businesses throughout the service territory; and that the DPS and PSC require transparency. The remedies proposed by County Executive Ryan, Senator Hinchey and Assemblymember Cahill were coordinated with the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) and based on conversations with constituents.

Additionally, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblymember Kevin Cahill announced that they delivered 45 public comments from a May 3rd, 2022, public hearing at Kingston High School to Michelle Phillips, Secretary of the PSC, to supplement the record for the DPS investigation into Central Hudson's customer information system implementation and the resulting billing errors. To date, nearly 4,000 complaints have been filed with DPS.

"The public comments submitted during the public hearing paint a picture of the urgent issue that Central Hudson's new billing system has been for countless residents across Ulster County; my colleagues and I are bringing these powerful voices to the State Public Service Commission, to the Governor of New York and, ultimately, to Central Hudson for action," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank DPS for their immediate attention to this matter, and reassure Ulster County residents that their issues with this utility company are being taken very seriously by my office. Thank you to the Senator and Assemblymember for their partnership in calling for remediation for our shared constituencies."

Summer Is Coming, and Lake Superior Season Passes Are Now on Sale!

Bethel, NY - Lake Superior State Park in Bethel will open for boat rentals and picnicking on Saturday, May 28, and continue to operate every weekend through the end of June, when it will commence daily operations through Labor Day.



Hours are Mondays-Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays 9 a.m.-7 p.m., subject to weather conditions. The beach area will open for swimming beginning the weekend of Father's Day, June 18 & 19. Daily admission during beach hours is \$5 per person. Children under 3 years old and veterans who present a valid ID issued through the Sullivan County Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can enter for free. Lake Superior also participates in the Golden Park Program, which grants New York State senior citizens free admission to the park on weekdays

only (but not weekends or holidays).

Sullivan County residents and property owners can also visit Lake Superior State Park, 342 Dr. Duggan Road, in Bethel during operating hours to get a season pass. Each pass is \$15 per person, which provides free entry into the park for the season.

First-time applicants need to bring proof of local residency or property ownership. Holders of 2021 season passes do not have to provide proof of residency and can simply apply by mail (or in person at Lake Superior). The application form is available at the park, at www.sullivanny.us/departments/parksrecreation or at the Parks and Recreation Office in the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North St., Monticello.

Rowboat and paddleboat rentals, vending machines, the playground, and the bathhouse will all be in operation during regular beach hours. Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Office at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanny.us for more information.

Lake Superior State Park is operated by the County of Sullivan pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.



Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk Welcomes the 1st Ulster Militia Revolutionary War Era Reenactors to the Matthewis Persen House Museum for Opening Day

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum on Saturday, May 28, with special



guests Revolutionary War Era Reenactors the 1st Ulster Militia. The Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On Saturday, May 28 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, join the 1st Ulster Militia for a glimpse of 18th century life at the time of the American Revolution. The original 1st Regiment, Ulster County Militia was composed of citizen soldiers from the area now within the boundaries of Kingston, Saugerties and Woodstock. Members promote the education of the public as to military and social life in the

colonial and Revolutionary War eras through demonstrations of everyday crafts and skills and the typical life of the militiaman.

“We are so pleased to welcome the 1st Ulster back to the Persen House this year,” said County Clerk Postupack. “Their commitment to accurately portraying our history is exceptional. They always present a fun and educational event for visitors of all ages.”

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.





Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

**Thursday, June 2, 2022
10:00 a.m. EDT**

THIS IS NOT A TACTICAL TRAINING COURSE

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, **Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands)** invites you to join a two-hour security webinar to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event.

Preparing employees for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death. Every second counts.

Objectives:

- Discuss the elements of active shooter incident response planning with guidance from expert instructors.
- Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
- Discuss how to recognize potential workplace violence indicators.
- Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.

Understanding Liability and Risk Exposure:

The webinar focuses on providing awareness training that supports the development of emergency action planning capabilities. These capabilities may better position organizations in receiving important legal liability protections from the DHS Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (SAFETY) Act of 2002. To learn more about the SAFETY Act and the types of products, services, and layered security programs that have received protections, visit www.safetyact.gov.

Who Should Participate?

- Private and public organizations
- Corporate and facility security professionals
- Supervisory first responders
- Human resource managers
- Community response officials
- Health organizations
- Faith-based leaders
- School administrators and security officers
- Homeland security representatives

DHS Resources

Products and information can be requested by contacting the Active Shooter Preparedness team at ASworkshop@cisa.dhs.gov.

For more information and resources on Active Shooter Preparedness visit: cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness.

Note: An email with information to connect to the webinar will be sent the day prior to the event.

REGISTRATION:

- Registration for this event is free.
- Register or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cisa-active-shooter-preparedness-webinar-region-2-nj-ny-pr-usvi-registration-328268338437>

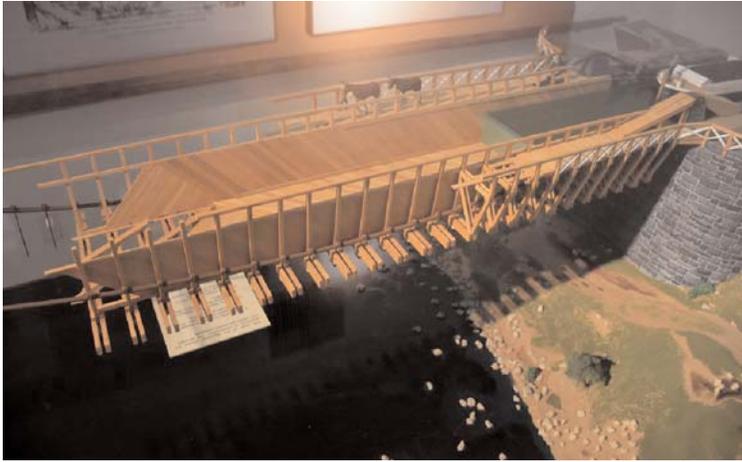
Registration is limited to 750 participants and will close no later than 1 June 2022 at noon (12:00 p.m.) EDT

Sullivan County's Parks Are Open, Including D&H Canal Interpretive Center

Summitville, NY - Sullivan County's six parks are ready for a busy summer season, confirms Parks Director Brian Scardefield.

"We've been preparing for a memorable summer for everyone visiting our parks," he explains. "We're offering inexpensive (often free) and safe places to take the whole family for a day of fun!"

o The D&H Interpretive Center, located at the end of Bova Road off Route 209 in Summitville, is going to open Memorial Day



This miniature cutaway in the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville illustrates the ingenious architecture of the four aqueducts that carried the Delaware & Hudson Canal over rivers that were unsuitable to canal boats.

Weekend, May 28 and 29, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Normal operations will run June 17 through Labor Day every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Center, which offers museum-quality exhibits on the history of the Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Canal, sits beside the locks and towpath of the old canal. Approximately five miles of the flat, easily accessed towpath can be traversed from Summitville to Wurtsboro - part of the County's D&H Canal Linear Park. There is no admission fee.

o Lake Superior State Park, operated by the County, is accessed via Dr. Duggan Road between Routes 17B and 55 in Bethel and offers picnicking, hiking, swimming and boating opportunities and pavilions available to rent during the summer. It, too, will open this Memorial Day weekend and remain open through Labor Day (Mondays-Thursdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fridays-Sundays 9 a.m.-7 p.m., subject to weather conditions). The beach will open in mid-June. Admission is \$5.

o The Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park at the intersection of Routes 52 and 52A in Kenoza Lake features walking trails, picnic facilities, a playground and the three-arched bridge itself, one of the most photographed sites in Sullivan County. Admission is free.

o The Livingston Manor

Covered Bridge sits right off County Route 179 on Covered Bridge Road in Livingston Manor. Next to the historic structure (which is still in use) are picnicking spots, a pavilion available to rent and access to the Little Beaverkill. Admission is free.

o The Minisink Battleground Park off Route 97 on County Route 168 near Barryville commemorates the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Sullivan County and features well-shaded walking



trails with informative kiosks highlighting facts of the fight. A picnic pavilion is also available for rental, conveniently sitting next to indoor bathrooms. Admission to the park is free of charge.

o Now operated by The Delaware Company, Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History on Route 97 in Narrowsburg remains an iconic and popular attraction, replete with structures, furnishings and re-enactors accurate to the early colonial period in the upper Delaware River region. More info about the Fort, admission prices and operating hours can be found at www.thedelawarecompany.org/fort-delaware-museum.

A complete list of amenities and locations of the various parks is available at

www.sullivanvny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation.

Those seeking group picnic permits, Lake Superior season passes or other information are encouraged to call the Parks Office at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanvny.us.

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CONCERT SERIES
LIVE & VIRTUAL

Music on Market Coffee House: The B2s

Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 7:30 PM

The B2s are a 9 voice women's vocal ensemble founded and directed by musician, song-leader, and Choral Director Debbie Lan. The eclectic and uplifting repertoire includes original arrangements by Debbie, Tom Waits, 4 Non Blondes, and more!

This concert will be in person at MISU, 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY, and live-streamed on Zoom. Pre-registration on Eventbrite is requested for both. This concert is free but donations are graciously accepted and will be applied to our education department. If you experience technical difficulties with Eventbrite, please call (845) 377-3727 and leave a message for assistance in reserving your space.

Ulster County Announces Groundbreaking at the McKinstry Bridge in Gardiner

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Legislature Chair Tracey Bartels, and Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic announce the beginning of work on the McKinstry Bridge in Gardiner

The 2022 Executive Budget made major investments in maintaining and enhancing infrastructure, including a \$2.8 million investment to address instabilities and reopen the McKinstry Bridge



KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Legislature Chair Tracey Bartels and Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic announced today the beginning of work on the McKinstry Bridge in Gardiner that has been closed since 2020. The 2022 Executive Budget made major investments in maintaining and enhancing infrastructure, including a \$2.8 million investment to address instabilities and reopen the McKinstry Bridge.

"The McKinstry Bridge is a vital roadway in Ulster County, and returning it to its former glory as an access and alternative route and viewing spot for the Shawangunk river, with improvements, has been a priority of my 2022 Executive Budget," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This is part of a broader plan to make major investments in maintaining and enhancing our infrastructure - dedicating \$18.2 million to improve county roads and bridges, with \$2.8 million to address instabilities and reopen the McKinstry Bridge."

"When the McKinstry Bridge was abruptly closed in 2020, it was devastating for the community and local businesses. I am grateful to Ulster County's Department of Public Works led by Commissioner Brendan Masterson for making the difficult but necessary decision to prioritize public safety," Ulster County Legislature Chair Tracey Bartels said. "Since that time I have advocated for an expedited process, even as we were dealing with a global pandemic. I'm thrilled that soon Gardiner residents and visitors will have a new, safe bridge. I'm grateful to Executive Ryan, the County Legislature and the Department of Public Works for investing in Ulster County infrastructure."

"I am pleased to finally see work beginning on the McKinstry Road bridge replacement after being closed for over a year," Town of Gardiner Supervisor Marybeth Majestic said. "I look forward to the new bridge opening by the end of 2022." The McKinstry Bridge in Gardiner has been under observation for some time. Cracks in the asphalt had etched tectonic plates that had sunken in some areas and crumbled in others, and rust had eaten through parts of the steel beams. Hurricane Irene also inflicted damage, causing a temporary closure in 2011. Since then, the weight limit on the bridge progressively decreased in tonnage until it was officially closed to foot traffic to ensure the safety of Ulster County residents. Work on the McKinstry Bridge has already commenced and the bridge is anticipated to re-open at the end of 2022.

Other major bridge projects identified in the 2022 Executive Budget are the Lyonsville Bridge in Marletown, the Broadstreet Hollow Bridge in Shandaken and more. Ulster County anticipates reconstructing approximately 30 miles of roads using New York State CHIPS funding, including Springtown in New Paltz, Ulster Heights in Warwarsing, Hurley Mountain Road in Marletown, Samsonville Road in Rochester, Union Center Road in Esopus, Blue Mountain Road in Saugerties and Wittenburg Road in Shandaken. Additionally, pavement preservation methods, including chip seal and crack seal, will extend the service life of approximately 65 miles of roadway.

DEC Announces 2022 Actions to Protect Public Safety and Promote Sustainable Use of State Lands

DEC and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Join Forces to Launch Second Year of 'Love Our New York Lands' Campaign to Encourage Responsible and Respectful Recreation
State and Local Partners Announce New and Continued Efforts to Bolster Visitor Safety and Minimize Impacts in Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos joined State and local community leaders to announce initiatives planned for the 2022 outdoor recreation season to protect public safety and promote sustainable recreation in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve. Many of these actions, bolstered by \$8 million from the State Environmental Protection Fund specifically for Adirondack and Catskill visitor safety and wilderness protection in the recently enacted 2022-23 State Budget, support a comprehensive strategy to improve safety, sustainability, and equitable access of those enjoying the outdoors during the upcoming warm weather months.

"The Adirondacks and Catskills draw visitors from near and far to appreciate their natural beauty and wild character, experience the outdoors, and contribute to local economies," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York State lands belong to everyone and in collaboration with our state and local partners, DEC is encouraging visitors to get outdoors safely and responsibly to protect themselves and others, as well as these irreplaceable natural resources. This year, DEC and our partners are getting out ahead of the 2022 hiking season to protect public safety, educate visitors on preparedness, and provide essential services that will protect visitors and New York's Forest Preserve now and into the future."

Visitation to State Forest Preserve lands is typically highest during the summer months. In partnership with State agencies, local municipalities, and private entities, DEC is working to protect public safety, improve the visitor experience during the busy season, and safeguard sensitive ecosystems. Using recommendations outlined by the High Peaks Strategic Planning Advisory Group (HPAG) and Catskills Strategic Planning Advisory Group (CAG), as well as input from local and community partners and outdoors enthusiasts, New York State continues to implement new strategies and adaptively manage the ongoing safety and resource needs of both Forest Preserve regions.

Protecting Public Safety

Pedestrian safety continues to be a significant concern, particularly in the Route 73 corridor of the Adirondack High Peaks and Route 23A in the Catskills. DEC worked closely with New York State Police, the State Department of Transportation, and local law enforcement to address pedestrian traffic, illegal parking, and roadside stopping. There is no parking allowed on the roadside in unsafe sections of Route 73 in the Adirondack High Peaks or on Route 23A in the vicinity of Kaaterskill Falls and several other Catskill destinations. In the Catskills, a privately-operated for-fee shuttle is proposed to operate this season in the Route 23A corridor and may include stops for popular State lands.

DEC is hiring 29 Assistant Forest Rangers to assist Forest Rangers and provide on-the-trail stewardship in areas of high use including six in the Catskills, with one assigned specifically

to the Peekamoose area; 19 in the Adirondacks; and four in high use areas in DEC Regions 8 and 9;

DEC and DOT will deploy variable message boards as needed to help direct overflow traffic and indicate when popular parking areas are full or parking is limited;

DEC will share weekend parking and reservation status via @NYSDECAlerts on Twitter and Facebook. In addition, DOT's 511 traffic management system will note when certain parking locations on Route 73 have reached capacity and provide information about the AMR reservation system. Visitors are encouraged to check these resources before and during travel to make adjustments if parking availability changes. First come, first served parking lots at popular trailheads and roadside destinations in both the Adirondacks and Catskills often fill quickly and early, leaving some visitors to find alternate parking or new destinations entirely; and

Installing new "Your Speed Is" signs and delineators to restrict parking in two unofficial pull offs that have created parking safety issues in the past along Route 73. This will be in addition to ongoing parking enforcement by DEC, New York State Police, and local law enforcement in both the Adirondacks and Catskills.

Closing Molly Smith parking area on Route 23a in the town of Hunter to improve visitor safety. DEC recommends visitors access Kaaterskill Falls by parking at the Laurel House Road, Schutt Road, or South Lake parking areas.

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "The Adirondacks and the Catskills are renowned for their majestic beauty, wildlife and countless recreational activities. As hiking season begins in earnest, New York State DOT continues to take steps to ensure that everyone can visit these gems of New York safely, by enhancing mobility on key routes, while complementing the natural beauty of these magnificent mountain ranges."

New York State Police Superintendent Kevin P. Bruen said, "With summer upon us, we encourage outdoor enthusiasts to take advantage of all the natural landscape that the Adirondacks and Catskills has to offer. While enjoying our State, we ask that all do so in a safe and considerate manner for themselves, others and to preserve the environmental character that makes New York distinct. I want to thank the DEC and our State and local partners for providing resources that will help protect citizens and our State lands."

Visitor Use Management

New York State continues to implement the recommendations from the HPAG and interim recommendations from CAG to encourage sustainable use in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. This year's enacted budget includes \$600,000 in new funding from the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for DEC's Visitor Use Management framework that will serve as a tool to guide future management and stewardship decision-making for the Forest Preserve. DEC will release a request for proposals to support visitor use management efforts in June. In addition, DEC is enhancing its actions to improve the user experience and prevent trash and other human impacts on State lands, including:

Adirondack and Catskill Coordinators will continue to coordinate final and interim recommendations of HPAG and CAG and advance actions to address increased visitation in each preserve;

The collection of public comments on the AMR pilot reservation system is being launched soon as part of a contracted study conducted by Dr. Jill Weiss, Assistant Professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF). Comments will be collected digitally as well as in person at Hiker Information Stations and at ESF tabling events. (Contd. Pg. 76)

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(From Pg. 75) The survey will be available on DEC's AMR conservation easement website in the next few weeks.

DEC will continue to require a permit for visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor along Roundout Creek in the Catskills from May 15 to Sept. 15. DEC will also have stewards at these locations to support enhanced public education efforts;

DEC is working to improve the Hudson River Recreation Area and Shelving Rock, including: designating parking and campsites; barricading unauthorized motor vehicle access points; improving signage; and contracting with the towns of Warrensburg, Lake Luzerne, and Fort Ann for routine maintenance, including increased trash pickups;

Six new primitive tent sites are planned in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest adjacent to Gulf Brook Road; and

DEC is deploying portable toilets in high use areas of the Adirondack and Catskill Parks to help reduce waste in the environment. In areas where portable toilets are not available, visitors are encouraged to learn more about how to dispose of human waste outdoors to prevent negative impacts on the environment and public health.

"It is rewarding to see the results of our collective work to bring attention to the needs of the Catskill and Adirondack Forest Preserves," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "By investing in efforts to protect natural resources, promote sustainable recreation, and ensure public safety, we are doing the necessary work to protect our Forest Preserve for generations to come. I am grateful to the Governor and the Legislature for making much needed investments in the Forest Preserve and to the DEC for putting that funding into much needed initiatives."

Julia Goren, ADK Deputy Executive Director, said, "ADK is excited work in partnership with the DEC this summer to support a strong set of public education and safety programs in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. Our public-private partnership, which is bringing educational stewards to Cascade Welcome Center, will help visitors have a safe and responsible experience."

Visitor Education

Both the High Peaks and Catskills Advisory Groups identified increased visitor education as a critical component of sustainable visitor use management. Among the education and awareness efforts, including those listed above, DEC is implementing in 2022 are:

Continuing the 'Love Our New York Lands' campaign. Launched last year in response to the steady increase in the number of visitors to State Lands, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the decade prior, Love Our New York Lands includes helpful information for the thousands of New Yorkers and visitors from other states and countries eager to experience our public lands in a responsible way. This year, DEC is investing additional resources to boost the reach of these educational materials and enhance audience engagement on both social and traditional media. For details and more information, visit the Love Our New York Lands page on DEC's website. In addition, this year DEC is partnering with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to further amplify the Love Our New York Lands message and reach even more New Yorkers visiting the outdoors;

Expanding a Hiker Information Station program in the High Peaks region following successful education efforts in 2020 and 2021;

Stationing Education Assistants at key locations along major High Peaks transportation corridors on weekends from late May through October to provide information on hiker safety, preparedness, Leave No Trace™, parking availability, and alternate destinations. In addition to the program's flagship station at the High Peaks Rest Area on

I-87, DEC plans to open a second anchor station at the Beekmantown rest area on I-87 southbound and host rotating pop-up stations at the Lake Placid Visitor's Bureau, Marcy Field in the town of Keene, Mount Van Hoevenberg Complex in North Elba, Frontier Town Gateway in North Hudson, and others to be announced; and

Continuing trail steward programs in the Catskills to assist in educating the public that visit several of the region's more frequently visited trails. The New York New Jersey Trail Conference will be working in the Catskill High Peaks (Windham-Blackhead Range Wilderness), Giant Ledge and Slide Mountain (Slide Mountain Wilderness); the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development will station trailhead stewards at Kaaterskill Falls, Peekamoose Blue Hole (Sundown Wild Forest), as well as a ridge runner; the Catskill Mountain Keeper will station stewards at Big Pond in the Delaware Wild Forest, Alder Lake in the Balsam Lake Wild Forest and Beaverkill Covered Bridge at the Beaverkill Campground and Day Use Area; The 3500 Club will have volunteer stewards stationed at the Slide Mountain trailhead; and the Student Conservation Association, working with DEC, will hire stewards to work in other areas of the region. There will also be fire tower stewards provided by the Catskill Center at Overlook and Hunter mountains on weekdays, complemented by other volunteers for weekends.

Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "New York State Parks and public lands are not only wonderful places for millions of people to explore and have fun, but they also shelter an incredible diversity of plants, animals and waters. We're pleased to join with DEC to encourage New Yorkers to take an active role to 'Love Our NY Lands' and help us strike the balance between offering much-needed places for recreation and taking care of our vulnerable natural wonders." Sustainable Trail Development.

To ensure New Yorkers and visitors can enjoy the beauty of the State's Forest Preserve for generations to come, DEC is doubling the size of the EPF-funded contract with Tahawus Trails to perform sustainable trail work in the Adirondacks and Catskills. These contractors and the State's ongoing trail building efforts will improve more public lands through trail maintenance and similar stewardship activities that encourage responsible use of the State's lands and waters.

DEC is undertaking a review of trail construction guidance and policies in light of the Court of Appeals decision and late last year formed a trail stewardship working group that is engaging stakeholders to develop draft policies which will ultimately be presented to the public through a full and transparent public comment process.

Last fall, a major sustainable trails project at Mt. Van Hoevenberg East was completed and looking towards this year, Tahawus Trails' Catskills-based projects will include improvement of tread and drainage on multi-use trails in Elm Ridge Wild Forest and continued enhancements at Kaaterskill Falls, and work on the Cascade/Mt. Van Hoevenberg trails and several new footbridges in the Independence River Wild Forest in the Adirondacks. This project is also funded through the Environmental Protection Fund.

Record EPF Investment

Many of these projects and other initiatives to bolster sustainable use are funded through the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Among the many environmental victories in the enacted 2022-23 State Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul and legislative leaders increased the EPF to \$400 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF supports climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, improves agricultural resources to promote sustainable agriculture, protects water sources, advances conservation efforts, and provides recreational opportunities for New Yorkers.

Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services - 2022



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
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Saturday, May 28th

Mamakating: 9:00 - 11:15 am - Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold Memorial Day Services at the following: 9:00 am - Poplar Grove Cemetery, 9:45 am - Monument at the Phillippsport Community Center, 10:30 am - Burlingham Cemetery, and 11:15 am - Pine Hill Cemetery.

Sunday, May 29th

Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 will have cemetery ceremonies to honor our deceased Veterans: 11:00 am - Lava Cemetery, 11:20 am - St. Francis Cemetery, 11:45 am - Glen Cove Cemetery and 2:00 pm - Ceremony at the Old Tusten Church, Town of Tusten.

Monday, May 30th

Bethel: 11:00 am - The Sgt. Andrew Brucher VFW Post 5499 will hold a small service commemorating Memorial Day, in the Veterans Park across the street from the Kauneonga Lake Fire House. This year's guest speaker will be Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan. Please arrive prior to 11:00 am and follow current social distancing guidelines.

Barryville: 9:20 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Barryville Cemetery, Mail Road.

County Service: Liberty: 1:00 pm - The Veterans Service Agency will hold an abbreviated Memorial Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Master of Ceremonies is John Crotty. Please follow current social distancing guidelines.

Eldred: 9:00 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Eldred Cemetery.

Fremont Center: 9:30 am - Veterans Memorial Service; 10:00 am - Parade down County Route 94. Road closure of the parade route will be at 9:00 am.

Liberty: 10:30 am - The Town of Liberty will be having a Memorial Day Parade down Main Street and will conclude with a ceremony at the Liberty Veterans Cemetery on Cold Spring Road.

Long Eddy: 1:00 pm - The Alan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will hold a Memorial Service at the Long Eddy Cemetery. Immediately following the service, there will be refreshments at the Firehouse and The Post's Ladies Auxiliary will be putting on a buffet.

Lumberland: 10:00 am - For the first time since the start of the pandemic, the Town of Lumberland's Memorial Day Observance will return as a brief outdoor event at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey.

Mamakating: 9:00 am - The Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold a Dedication and Service at the Summitville Fire House and Monument. They will have a Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am at the Bloomingburg Cemetery, followed by the

Neversink: 11:00 am - Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville. The event will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of Army Veteran, **Archibald Dulaff**. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag presented by the Hynson Family, which will fly for six months, in honor of **Elton Hynson**, a Navy Veteran that served from 1959 - 1969.

Wurtsboro Memorial Day Parade at 1:00 pm. Parade lineup at 12:30 pm, Step off at 1:00 pm.

Roscoe: 10:00 am - Memorial Day Parade with a memorial ceremony immediately following, at the Roscoe Firehouse.

Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: 1:00 pm Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will be holding joint Memorial Day Services at Heroes Park, corner of Route 55 and Proctor Road, in Eldred.

Wurtsboro: 1:00 pm - Memorial Day Parade, which will begin on Pine Street, head up to Route 209, left onto Sullivan Street, and conclude at the American Legion Post 1266, 92 Pine Street. A Memorial Service will be held at the Veterans Park located on the corner of Sullivan & 3rd Streets in Wurtsboro, at the conclusion of the parade.



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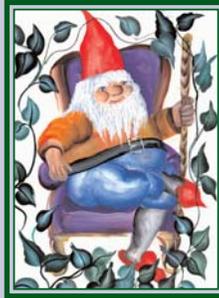


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FILMS ON RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN UKRAINE (CRIMEA) (2014 TO PRESENT)

<https://www.imdb.com/list/ls025231441>

A story of the officers, soldiers and seamen *who have not betrayed their oath of loyalty to the people of Ukraine during the takeover of Crimea*. This is a film about military honor, in the midst of undeclared war.



Director: Kostiantyn Kliatskin | Stars: Yuriy Chmelyk, Volodymyr Dubovyi, Mykola Lytvynenko, Ihor Bedzay.



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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II*(From Pg. 77)***ON TCM SUNDAY MAY 29, 2022 3:30 AM
HELL TO ETERNITY****(1960 / 2H 12M | WAR | TV-PG)**

A young Mexican-American U.S. Marine, **Guy Louis Gabaldon** adopted by Japanese-Americans at the age of 12, becomes a hero in one of the toughest battles in World War II. **Director Phil Karlson, star-**



ring **Jeffrey Hunter** as "Gabby" **David Janssen**, **Marine Drill Instructor, Vic Damone**. tough **Marine**. This is the true story of a **Guy Louis Gabaldon** (March 22, 1926–August 31, 2006) he was a **United States Marine** who, at age 18, captured (or



persuaded to surrender) roughly 1,500 Japanese soldiers, Japanese Marines, and civilians drugged up waiting for a **Banzi Charge** during the **Battle of Saipan (1944)** in World War II. For these actions, **Gabaldon** was nominated for the **Medal of Honor** but was instead awarded the **Silver Star**, which was later upgraded to the **Navy Cross Medal**. His exploits were the basis of this 1960 Hollywood film **Hell to Eternity**. His friends called him, 'Gabby.' He was an outspoken member of right-wing political organizations, and wrote a book entitled, **America Betrayed**.

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