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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony

MEMORIAL DAY -2021

Memorial Day 2021 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 31, 2021, 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 all Veteran's that have served our great country. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag presented by the Allison Family, which will fly for six months, in honor of Edgar Allison, an Army Veteran that served from 1942 - 1943.

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.

TVCS Junior FBLA vs. Covid: Our 2020-21 School Year

By Allison Rogers,
Junior FBLA Reporter

After getting a late start to the year, the Tri-Valley Junior FBLA have definitely been making up for lost time thanks to our dedicated officers and involved student body. Times have been tough this year for sure, but the Junior FBLA has been doing everything we can to help and show appreciation to our community.

First, I want to introduce you to our hard working Junior FBLA officers. Brynn Poley is our Historian, who continues to come forward with awesome ideas and thoughts even though she hasn't been able to photograph a lot of events so far due to Covid restrictions. Ariana Small is the Junior FBLA Secretary. She comes to every meeting she can with a smile on her face (virtually or in person), ready to work hard and make others laugh. The only 7th grader among the officers this year is Treasurer Madison Dela Cuadra! Allison Rogers is our Reporter, who is also writing this, so I won't go on and on about how awesome I am. This year, our Vice President is Mya (Papaya) Ibarra. (Contd. Pg. 8)



BCES K Kids Lead the Way in Beautifying Our World



The group of planters, including some parents and all the children participating, in front of the miniature train

On a beautiful Saturday morning at Centerville Station on the Woodridge Rails to Trails, a group of K Kids from Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) gathered to plant several brightly colored annual plants in the replica of miniature railroad cars. The children are part of the Ecology Club and are also a branch of the Woodridge Kiwanis Club. On hand to supervise the activity were Kiwanis Vice President and staff member of BCES Debbie Jacobsen and her daughter, Kirsten Cerrone, who is a landscaper. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
Psalm 71:2

OBITUARIES

Barbara M. Stewart, of Neversink, passed away surrounded by family on May 20, 2021. She was 79 years old.

Barbara was born on July 22, 1941 on a dairy farm in Neversink, NY to Walter Irwin Edwards, Sr. and Helen Cutler Edwards. She spent her entire life on the family homestead and raised her children there as well. She attended grammar school in the one-room schoolhouse on Mutton Hill Road in Neversink, and graduated high school from Tri-Valley Central School after it was built. She married the love of her life, Richard R. Stewart on October 14, 1962.

Barbara was a dedicated wife, homemaker, and mother, as well as an active member of the community. She was a Brownie Troop Leader, a "mom" who always had her heart and arms open to others. She loved to crochet and made many blankets and bed dolls. She was a talented baker who made wedding cakes and doll cakes. She also enjoyed repairing vehicles with her husband; she could rebuild an engine and drive anything. Sharing the same love of her country and the American flag as her husband, Barbara was a member of several Veteran Auxiliary organizations, including the 82nd Airborne Division Association Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, to name just a few. Most of all, she loved her children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; she always smiled when they were around her. Barbara touched many lives in small ways and was a faithful and devoted wife, caring for her husband through sickness until the end. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Barbara leaves behind to cherish her memory her son, David Stewart and his wife Kelly of Loch Sheldrake; her daughter Anne Willis and her husband Michael of Neversink; her grandchildren, Zachary, Dominic, Chloe, Kyle, and Jessica; and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband, Richard R. Stewart, her father, Walter I. Edwards Sr., her mother, Helen Cutler, her sisters, Mary Frasca and

Shirley Samyn, and her brother, Walter I. Edwards, Jr.

Barbara endured a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, and her children would like to thank all who prayed and helped them through the journey, especially HOSPICE of Orange and Sullivan County.

A visitation was held on Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, in Woodbourne, NY. A funeral service took place on Monday, May 24th, at the funeral home, followed by interment at the Veterans Cemetery in Liberty, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to HOSPICE of Orange and Sullivan County, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, New York 12550, or visit:

<https://hospiceoforange.com/>

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

To plant a tree in memory of Barbara Stewart, please visit Colonial Memorial Funeral Home Tribute Store

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

May 16, 1951

"Mose" Kortright put the official seal on the garden season in Grahamsville last week when he went out to make his garden for the 57th time on the same spot. His garden, in the center of the village below Krum's store, is still the envy of the neighbors. Mr. Kortright, who will be 88 next September, sees nothing unusual in his raising good solid cabbage, fine early sweet corn and early peas in his mellow garden patch.

Rev. Raymond Visscher, the father of the Tri Valley School Music Supervisor, preached at the Methodist Church on Sunday.

George Donaldson, B.W.S. engineer, formerly stationed in Grahamsville, and a party of friends has purchased a 150 tract on Red Hill, formerly known as the Adam Anapel place. There is a building erected by the former owner which will be used as a hunting lodge.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bevier Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. The mother and child are doing well.

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DAY'S OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)
May 17, 1961

Announcement was made recently of the marriage of PFC Geneva Tramel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Tramel of Louisiana, to Spec. Fourth Class James R. Terwilliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Grahamsville, at a candlelight ceremony at the Post Chapel in Fort Huachuca, Arizona on March 26th. Cha

Mrs. Ethelyn Garigliano was named Curator for Sullivan County. Her appointment was made known at the May meeting of the Sullivan County Historical Society held on Monday evening, May 8th.

Melvin Lee Ackerley, 25, a resident of Woodbourne, died there on May 13th. He was a greenhouse worker. He was born in Grahamsville on Dec. 3, 1935 to Ivan A. and Elizabeth Wright Ackerley who survive him. Also surviving are his wife, Eleanor Cooke Ackerley; two brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Bea Ackerley of Grahamsville is the new proprietress of the Tri Valley Diner at Curry's Corner. She is being ably assisted by her brother, Mr. John Davis. The diner is open from 7 am to 10 pm.

May 19, 1971

Senior Patrol Dennis G. Muthig, Troop 187 of Grahamsville, was given scouting's highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout after passing the review board held at Thompson Park Spring Camp. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig of Parksville and has been in scouting for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 15th with a luncheon given in their honor by their three sons, Gerald, Donald and Edward DuBois.

The appointment of Mr. Silas F. Kelly as Postmaster in Grahamsville, N.Y. was announced today by Harold R. Larson, Director of the New York Postal Service Region. He joined the Postal Service in 1955 as a substitute Rural Carrier.

A very happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George, 52 years on the 24th of May.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ambrosina of Grahamsville on the birth of their son, born Friday at the Ellenville Community Hospital. The baby weighed in at eight pounds.

May 14, 198

Kenneth Haag, son of George and Mary Lee Haag of Lows Corners, became the 30th member of Boy Scout Troop 187 of Grahamsville to receive the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony held at the TV Elementary School on Saturday, May 2nd.

An Open House welcoming Dr. Walter S. Dobushak to the area will be held Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m. at the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

John (Buzzy) Ackerley of Liberty, a lifelong area resident, died Friday, May 8, 1981 at Horton Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He was 18. The son of John and Bertha Ann Edwards Ackerley, he was born Aug. 30, 1962 in Loomis. He was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

A survey conducted by the Family Housing Bureau of the Chicago Title Insurance Co. showed that in 1980 the typical first-time home buyer was 28.3 years old, had a family with 2.4 persons, took just over four months to look for a home, paid a median price of \$61,450 and made a down payment of 20.5% of the purchase price.

Household Hint:**Easy Deviled Eggs for Memorial Day**

Put cooked egg yolks in a Ziploc bag. Seal; mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy; squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done - easy clean up.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Poppies -A Symbol of Remembrance

The luminescent, scarlet red-orange crepe-paper like large 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. They grow on 16-18" single upright stems that are deeply cut with hairy leaves. 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 are 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 a 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 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' predetermined weeks of summer dormancy. Oriental Poppies require two dormancy periods, one in summer and one in the cold chilling winter. Dormancy 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.

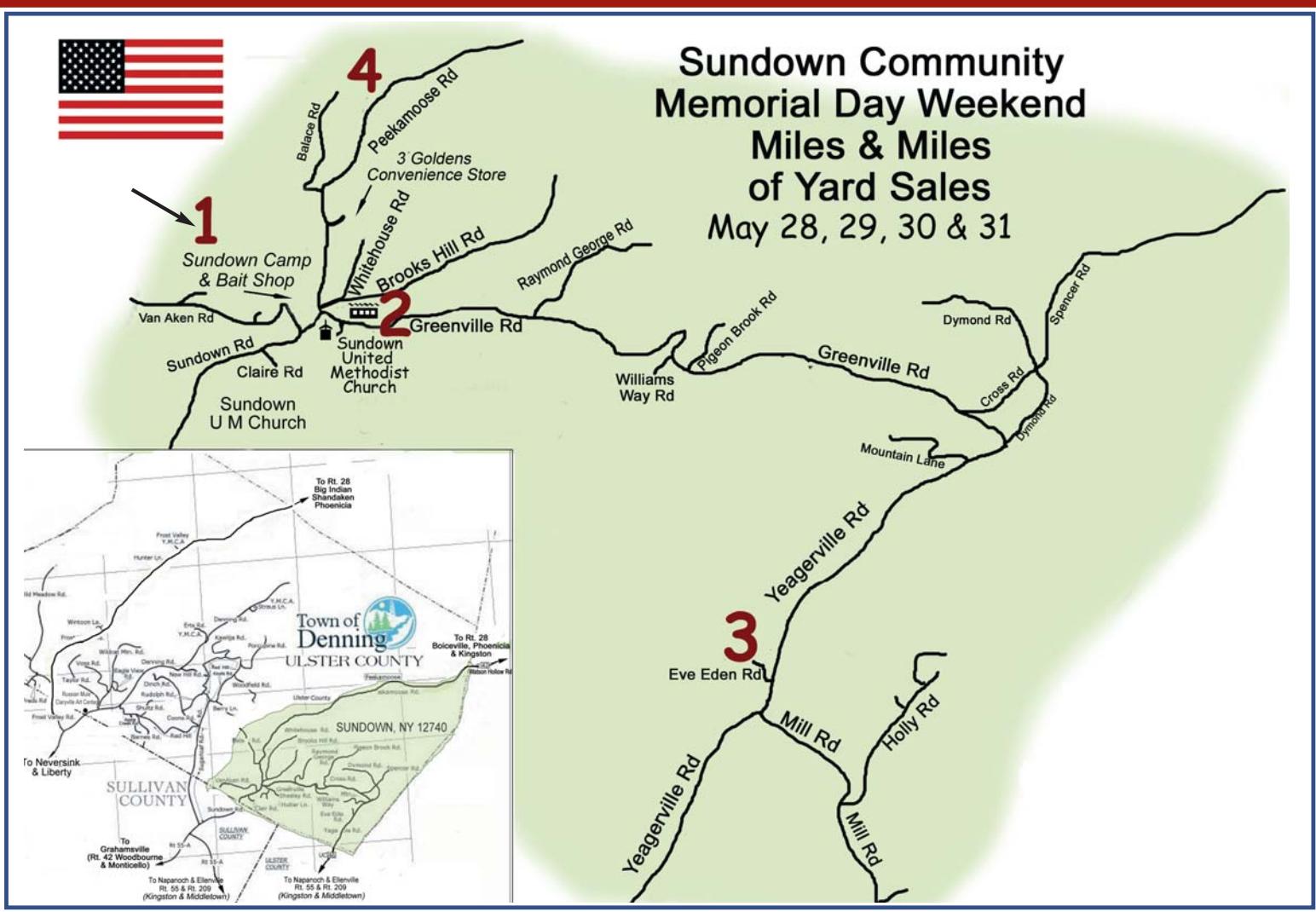
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

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.

Have a safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend!!



Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales

- 1 - Sundown Camp & Bait Store - Yard Sale & Going Out of Business Sale
- 2 - Sundown UMC Ladies - 4th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale at the Sundown UMC Church Hall - Saturday, May 29th - 9 am - 2 pm
- 3 - MOVING SALE Odds & Ends Crocks • Antiques • Furniture - May 29, 30 & 31, 2021- Opens 10 am. From Rt 55a follow the signs on Yeagerville Road to Eve Eden Rd
- 4 - Family Yard Sale - 131 Peekamoose Rd., Sundown, NY 12740 - May 29, 30 & 31 - 10 am - 4 pm - Odds & Ends; Collectibles; Christmas

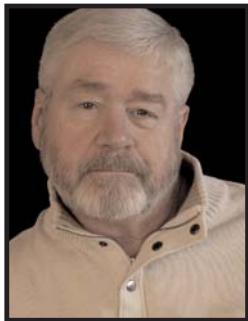
Yard Sales in Neighboring Communities

Huge Yard Sale - Grahamsville Methodist Church, 350 Main St. (Rt. 55), Grahamsville, NY 12740 - Saturday, May 29th • 8 am - 3 pm

Yard Sale - 40 Doughty Rd Parksville NY 12768 May 28, 29 and 30 • 10-4

Yard Sale - 6229 State Rt 42 Woodbourne NY 12788 May 28, 29 and 30 • 9-5

Garage Sale Memorial Weekend, Friday 5/28 - Monday - 5/31 9-5: Antique's, furniture, collectibles, glasses, dishes and much more. A special area of Christmas item's including Hallmark tree decoration. The address is 14 Tyler RD Narrowsburg NY, 12764. Telephone # 845-252-3525.

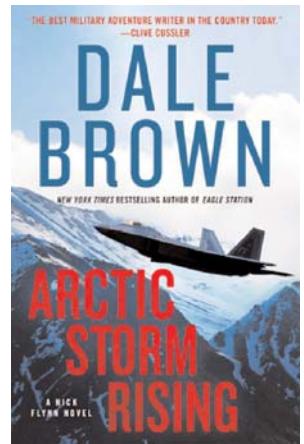


Arctic Storm Rising Mysterious Book Report No. 450 by John Dwaine McKenna

Bestselling author Dale Brown has just launched a new, edge-of-your-seat military thriller that features a brand-new protagonist with a talent for smartassery, a nose for trouble and enough steel in his character to build a battleship. He's a U.S. Air Force Intelligence and Special Operations Officer whose rank is captain. His name is Nick Flynn, and *Arctic Storm Rising*, (Wm Morrow, \$28.99, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-301504-3), is his coming-out party.

Nick runs afoul of a vindictive and less than competent CIA officer during a rescue mission in the Libyan desert, when the CIA man manages to pin the blame for mission failure on the lower ranking Air Force officer, rather than accepting responsibility for it. As a result, Nick is banished to a remote, early-warning radar station in the northernmost reaches of the Alaskan wilderness and put in charge of a rag-tag band of misfits, drawn from different services. They're not exactly the Dirty Dozen, but they're not exactly Uncle Sam's finest either. Nevertheless, Captain Flynn does his best to turn the lot of them into competent soldiers with the help of the one bright spot amongst his company, an Alaska National Guard First Sergeant who's a native of the state and an expert in cold weather operations.

At the same time, halfway around the world, the Russian Government is preparing for the final test flight of a super-secret, advanced technology stealth bomber, known as the PAK-DA. The bomber, on its last test flight, and carrying twelve nuclear-tipped and fully operational cruise missiles, is commandeered by the test pilot, Col. Alexi Petrov. He flies it in stealth mode, under the cover of darkness and in the midst of an Arctic super storm, into the Alaskan wilderness . . . where he demands \$2.6 billion in ransom to give up possession of it peacefully. The only ones in position to intervene for the U.S. are Flynn and his group of oddballs, who face overwhelming odds . . . and a traitor in their midst as the novel rockets towards its stunning, unexpected and startling conclusion. With electrifying tension and non-stop action, Brown delivers one of his best techno-military thrillers ever, and leaves us all looking forward to the next installment of the Nick Flynn series!



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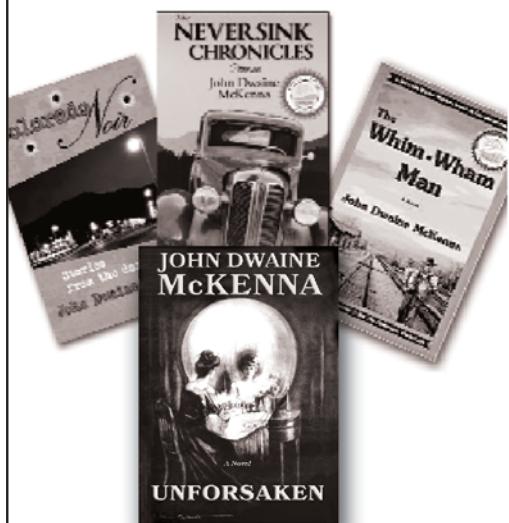
Senator Martucci, Senate Republicans Call on Colleagues to Show Support for Israel as Violence Escalates *Democratic Majority Rejects Introduction of Resolution in Support of Israel*

Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-Hudson Valley/Catskills), Senate Republican Leader Robert Ortt, Deputy Leader Andrew Lanza, and members of the Senate Republican Conference today urged the Senate Democrat Majority to allow the introduction of a resolution in support of Israel as violent terrorist attacks against the nation continue.

The proposed resolution, introduced by Senator Lanza and co-sponsored by every member of the Senate Republican Conference, condemned the attacks on Israel that started earlier this month. Senate Democrats refused to allow the resolution to be formally introduced, citing the resolution is related to foreign policy. Despite refusing to introduce this resolution suggested by Senate Republicans, members of the Democratic Majority have been allowed to introduce resolutions clearly dealing with foreign policy, including lifting the trade embargo on Cuba and condemning acts of terror in New Zealand.

"Israel is one of our strongest allies and a bulwark against terrorism," said Senator Mike Martucci. "The Senate Democrats refusal to allow us to put a resolution on the floor demonstrating our support and solidarity with the people of Israel as they endure cowardly Hamas rocket attacks shows you how radical they have become. Scared of the criticism of AOC and her acolytes in their conference, they are running for cover. There are not two sides to this conflict - either you stand with Israel or you do not."

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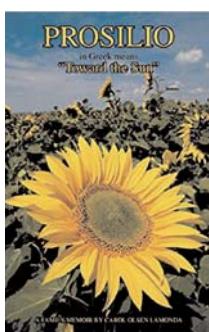
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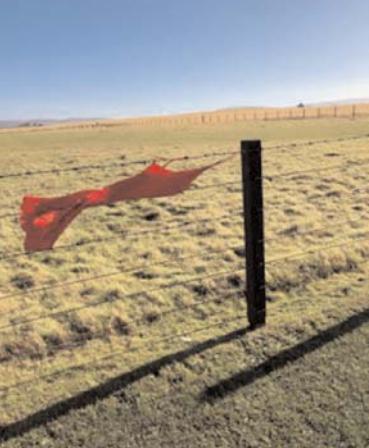
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On Saturday, May 22, almost all of the seventeen artists who traveled with Kate McGloughlin to Orkney met for a reunion at the opening of the art show, BETWEEN WIND AND WATER. Sixteen months of Covid delayed our sharing the unique visit to this small island in the North Sea between Scotland and Norway.



Orkney wove its magic on us, and the only way to share the sense of inner peace and otherworldly calm with others would be through paintings, photos and poetry. We walked on sacred ground and marveled at standing stones and berms older than the pyramids. We saw evidence of civilizations that disappeared into annals of time leaving just wind and water and the mysteries in between.

One of our travelers, Eileen Power, brought her signature silky red dress to mark our com-

ing. It was photographed in unusual places on our many outings. It became the flag of diplomacy as we were hosted by the hardy people who live there. It became the totem of modern materialism contrasting simple lifestyle of nature. It was our banner of friendship, seventeen acquaintances bonded in a wartime-like survival of camaraderie, members of a secret society of those who felt the atavistic energy of the stones. It became the proverbial °ored flag°± as many of us reassessed the lifestyles gone awry back home.

Eileen Power wore that silky red dress, albeit under a denim street dress and Covid mask, to our art show opening. Her bravery to defy convention and flash pizzazz into the humdrum of routine stood like a tribute to all we learned on our trip to Orkney, UK.

She left it as a part of the exhibit for all to see!

The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Red Silky Dress





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Live Event: A Conversation & Book Signing with Writer David Coggins • Saturday May 29, 2021 • 2-4pm
(Books available for purchase at CFFCM)

Join us for an author talk & book signing with David Coggins on Saturday May 29, 2021 under the pavilion to hear about his newly released title *The Optimist: A Case For The Fly Fishing Life*. To read about Coggins in the New Yorker go to: <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/05/10/fly-fishing-with-the-author-of-the-optimist>

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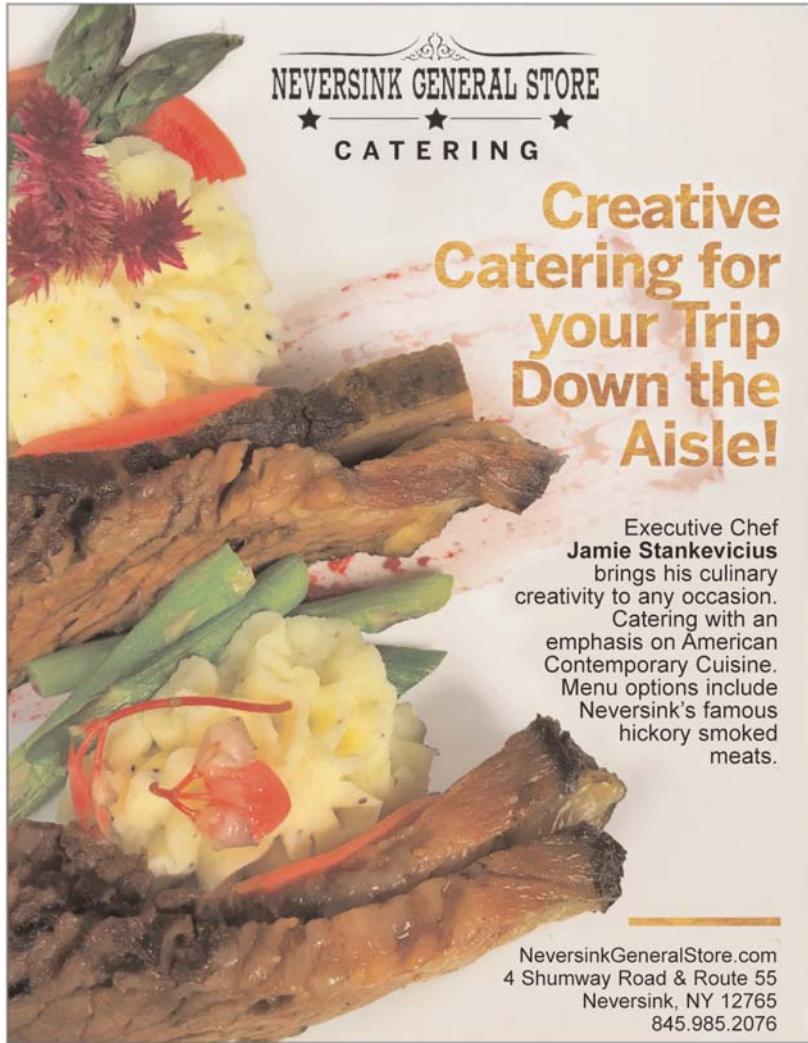
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TVCS Junior FBLA vs. Covid: Our 2020-21 School Year

(From Pg. 1) She comes to every meeting ready to share her well thought out ideas and how to make them happen. Tyler Conjura is our Junior FBLA



President. Despite starting a few months late, Tyler has wasted no time with planning events to better our school and community as a whole. And last but definitely not least is our advisor, Mr Haynes. So what has the Junior FBLA been up to in the past few months? During March, The Junior FBLA put on a food drive where all students could participate, including our virtual peers. We were thinking: What's a good way to get our students involved for a good cause? Well of course the answer is some friendly competition! March 15th-26th, the

7th and 8th grade students competed to see who could donate more food. The 8th grade came out on top, but the 7th grade was not far behind! All together we were able to donate hundreds of items to our local food pantry. It was an exciting experience that everyone could participate in, and it was for a good cause!

Most recently, our club joined forces with the 7th and 8th grade Student Council (advised by the lovely Mrs. Swett) to put on a Mother's Day event. We wanted to show support for the awesome female role models in our lives, and what better way to do it than a card making station and a flower sale? Our amazing Agriculture teacher, Ms. Berescik, was able to get 350 beautiful flowers for kids to choose from during the days of our event. We set up in the library, gave away flowers, and helped students make cards on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th. Our officers worked extremely hard and were in the library helping every chance they got. We



had an amazing turn out, getting students from grades 7-12 to come make cards and take flowers. Thank you to Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Swett, our students, Ms. Berescik, the w o n d e r f u l mothers of our community, and anyone else who made this event possible!

As you can see, the

Junior FBLA did not disappoint this year even with all that's going on. Our officers and advisor worked hard to make these events happen, and our student body worked hard to make them successful. Here's to a great year of Junior FBLA and so many more to come!

BCES K Kids Lead the Way in Beautifying Our World

(From Pg. 1) Kirsten's trade name is The Dirt Diva. The Club Co-advisors, Dawn McCarthy and Lori Lindridge, welcomed the students and their parents. The immediately took up trowels to plant the petunias, marigolds, spike, and other annuals.



Three-year old Ruzzi in the arms of her aunt Kirsten Cerrone



Amanda O'Neill on the left with Kadence and Kimberly Duncan

The K Kids/Ecology Club previously planted flowers at BCES in practice for Saturday's event. The members of the Club are third graders Addison Eckerson, Ariel Payne, Kimberly Duncan and Zhara Snead; and fifth grader Zayd Snead. Attending the planting was Woodridge Mayor Joan Collins, who first asked Debbie and Kirsten to organize the project. The Village paid for the plants and will water and maintain them. Woodridge is applying for a Sullivan Renaissance Grant to beautify various locations with flowers.

BCES staff member Amanda O'Neill literally dug in and joined in the planting. Debbie's three-year old great niece, Ruzzi, was clearly one of the stars of the morning along with the K-Kids.



Nine-year old Ecology Club member Addison Eckerson selling one of the larger dog bones to the photographer

The club has been selling dog bone cut-outs for \$5.00 (large bone) and \$1.00 (small), and they will continue through the end of the school year. All proceeds will benefit the Rock Hill SPCA and Rocky's Rescue in Liberty, which is a local spay/neuter clinic. These young people are dedicated to taking care of the planet and keeping it healthy and beautiful.

Superintendent and Honor Rolls for the Third Quarter of the School Year 2020-2021 at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School - Fourth through Sixth Grade

GRADE 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Tarabichi, Alena; Damms, Michael; Lopez Landaverde, Lindsay; Teri, Benjamin; Giannico Jr; Wheeler, Yamein; Cerone, Joseph; William; Ciorciari, Nicolas; DeMondo-Gernant Michael; Padgett Jr, Johnathan

GRADE 4 - HONOR ROLL

Pugh, Easton; Perez Martinez, Daniel; Martinez-Lopez, Angelica Esperanza; Moocz, Rebecca; Garcia Menjivar Leily, Nicolle; Velazquez, Joshua; Mackerley, Emily; Zempoaltecatl, Kimberly; Nicholson, Alena; Machado III, Nelson; Cruz, Layla; Maxwell Jr, Patrick; Forman, Amelia; Emptage, Niylah; Rodriguez Canales, Jeybi; Laudadio, Ariyanna; Canales Gonzalez, Adriel; Machado, Andrew; Allen, Kiara; Purcel, Harmonee

GRADE 5 - SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Evangelista, Natalia; Hoefling, Camdyn; Jacobs, Sophia; Granados Reye, Carlos; Pineda Ortiz, Pedro; Saravia, Kayden; Tetteh, J o s h u a ; Patel, Jiya; Hermann, Layla; Gonzalez Jr, Eriberto; Saunders, Zoey; Wall-Carty, Avery; Maxwell, Madelyne;

GRADE 5 - HONOR ROLL

Lagos Guardado, Alisson Esmeralda; Snead Zayd Amir, Hamid; Sauer, Kiara; Gai, Mariama; Davis Feeney, Aaliyah; Collins, Makenzie; Rosales Charuc, Keily; Brewster, Kaarsir; Gonzales, Isabella; Alvarado, Addison; Milligan, Kileen; Kleingardner, Emmett; Atkins on, Autumn Rain; Torres, Connor; Mariaca, Brandon; DeMondo-Gernant, Maddelynn; Harris, Stephon; Moreno, Gabriella; Martinez-Lopez, Josue; Smith, Joslyn; Nicanor-Perez, J a y s i ; C o l o m b o - G o n z a l e z , Gianna; Mathews, Heaven; Santos Jr, Benjamin; Brizuela Fuentes, Keily

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GRADE 6 - HONOR ROLL

Kozachuk, Adryana; Brenner, Jr Shaun; McCarthy, Lucas; Carranza Pineda Jr, Oscar; McNeil, Jozyr; Wright, Tyler; Tremper, Alisha; Frunzi, Allison; Machado, Trevor; King, Guiseppe; McCombs, Chloe; Velazquez, Sierra; Fuentes Ardon, Ashleigh; Pittaluga, Coben; Flores, Blanca; Rivera, Melanie

Narrowsburg Beautification Group Garden Swap

(TUSTEN) - The Narrowsburg Beautification Group is hosting its biannual Garden Swap benefit on Saturday, June 5, 2021 in front of the Tusten-Cochecton Library located at 198 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.



Photo Credit: Wanda Gangel, Narrowsburg Beautification Group, June 2020

The "NBG" describes the event as follows - This is your opportunity to exchange plants, seeds, bulbs etc. from your garden with your neighbors. Please label your items with plant name and info. Nothing to exchange? Make a donation instead. For more information visit Facebook.com/NBGtusten.

Funding for this project was made possible in part by a Community Beautification Grant from Sullivan Renaissance. Learn more at SullivanRenaissance.org or Facebook.com/SullivanRenaissance.

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

This past Saturday afternoon, I went out to see THE JOHNNY JULES BAND on the deck of THE DISTILLERY next to THE DANCING CAT SALOON. Parking was a problem—which was good because it meant Johnny had attracted his usual great crowd. I wasn't wrong. I was able to grab one of the only empty chairs left! For this performance, two additional people had



been added: A young woman named TRISH MURPHY on banjo, and MANGO MIKE on mandolin. In addition, GLEN LAZARO who often sits in with owner STACY COHEN, sat in here as well, making the ultra-tight trio of JOHNNY JULES on guitar and lead

vocals, DAVID D'ARCY on upright bass AND BOB DELASSANDRO (BOBBY D) on Dobro, now a six piece band! And here was my good friend Johnny, orchestrating the newcomers as a band leader. For as long as I've known him, he can still surprise me. He pulled that now much larger group into a cohesive unit and one could almost believe they had been playing together for quite a while. And just before they took a break,



Stacy

Johnny tracked down Stacy to sing a song or two with them. A truly wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

As joyous as this day was, it was also very sad. As of last Sunday, THE DANCING CAT and the adjacent DISTILLERY are no more having been sold. It was the first shining jewel to appear in Sullivan County in the decade I have lived here. It welcomed live music. It was where I lunched with and had dinner with friends. It was where I was introduced to a cocktail invention one December by one of the bartenders, the name she called it having been lost years ago. To me, it was always the "Cat Cocktail". It was where two friends of mine met, became friends then fell in love. It was an amazing place and I attribute all it was to the personality of STACY COHEN which was so entwined with THE DANCING CAT that speaking of either meant you were speaking of both. But things change, that's life.

And what the heck was going on in the park behind The Hurleyville Arts Center Saturday afternoon? When I was leaving

for Johnny's gig, PARTY MASTERS had just set up a tent. When I got back around 5, some guy was singing to taped music accompanied by violin/fiddle that either was slightly out of tune or the player of same was not proficient...it was hard to tell. There were a lot of chairs set up but I didn't see anyone in them. I could have gone over there but that foot with the spider bite needed to be elevated. SO, I did what any curious writer of articles on live music would do....I went to the internet. Nothing for the Arts Center. Nothing on FaceBook. Had the park been renamed and no one told me? Then the music stopped. Around 6, there was another voice...and what a voice! Accompanied by that same fiddle/violin and a keyboard. It's not hard to spot a trained voice. This voice had all the power and clarity of JOANNA GASS...but male. Then it dawned on me. I had run across something buried in 'events' on FaceBook and had jotted it in my book. Who I was listening to was DAVID DRIVER out of New York City at "THE TANGO CAFÉ". (Tango Café. Who knew? But don't try to look it up. There must be a Tango Café in every city in the WORLD!) According to what was in my book,, tickets were \$5 (with 1 drink and appetizer purchase). I was listening but not sitting on the newly filled newly leveled plateau. I was listening with my door closed. Whoever was doing/did the sound needs tutoring. I wonder if the 20-30 people left with their ears ringing.

DAVID DRIVER is a singer/songwriter/producer who was using this opportunity to premiere his new work SONGS FROM THE STONEWALL JUKEBOX. Again, that voice (1) from an accomplished performer who has done everything from commercials to Off Broadway, a voice that THE ADVOCATE'S Andrew Young described "(is) as bracing as a double Bourbon"! Had I not made other commitments, I would have stayed until the end.



Out at CABERNET FRANK'S was a group called CREATURES, also out of New York City, premiering THEIR new works, as yet unnamed, on the outside stage. This is an all instrumental trio, electric bass, drums and baritone sax (!). A bit avant garde but totally engaging. Now I'm a lyrics person and it surprised me how much I enjoyed this group. Each song was named for a different animal from "llama" to "narwhal" and each was totally different and fresh. If they had a finished product, I would have one.

And yes, ladies and gentlemen, I stayed masked for the most part. I'm still a bit nervous but being in an outside environment helps tremendously.

And there will be many in the coming months.

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The produce available at our local Farmers' Markets would only be fresher if you picked it yourself. Thankfully, our hard-working farmers do it for you. And they're happy to serve you the earth's delicious bounty. Swing by our markets and load up with goodness in Barryville, Callicoon, Narrowsburg, and Roscoe. Or you can meet up with the Sullivan Fresh Farmers Market on the Move. Not to be outdone, our brewers, vintners, cider makers, and distillers use fresh fruits and grains to handcraft some award-winning beverages that will complement any meal you make yourself or enjoy at the hands of our talented chefs. Check out our Catskill-icious food scene and Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail and map out a plan. Tip from a local: our two newest venues have received rave reviews at their recent soft openings: Seminary Hill and The Old Homestead Restaurant at The Eldred Preserve.

If music lights you up, we've got it. Coming up on June 3 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is Jazz/Food Fusion in the open-air Market Sheds. And Forestburgh Under the Stars 2021 kicks off the 75th Anniversary Season at Forestburgh Playhouse on June 4. The outdoor weekend series features a fantastic lineup of stars. The arts and culture scene here is alive and well, and our proprietors can't wait to see you again! And our shopkeepers offer the best retail therapy! If the warm weather beckons you to move your body, there is so much to explore. From hiking and biking trails to rafting, canoeing, fishing, golfing, or ziplining, it all depends on what moves you.

With so much to see and do here, you won't be able to do it all in one day. You'll have to stay over. Our accommodations range from full-service resorts with luxury and entertainment to make-it-your-own vacation rentals or anything in between. Pick your preference and reserve now.

New York State has aligned with the CDC to relax many COVID mandates and lift capacity restrictions for many businesses. As we begin to return to pre-pandemic life, we encourage you to please be mindful of fellow visitors and to adhere to mask requirements of individual companies, too. Our proprietors will continue to follow our Catskills Confidence pledge to put your health and safety first.

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Sullivan County Offices Fully Reopened Monday A Sign of Pandemic's Abatement

Monticello, NY - As part of the national emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic, many Sullivan County government offices and facilities reopened to the public on Monday, May 24.

"This means most (though not all) offices will once again be open without appointments necessary," explains County Manager Josh Potosek. "We'll be operating close to the way we did pre-pandemic, although masks will continue to be required for anyone who has not been vaccinated."

As the County will not be requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination to access its facilities (except where required by law), the following guidelines will be in place:

For the Government Center in Monticello:

- Facial masks required throughout the building for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)
- Facial masks required for anyone accessing the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and/or County Clerk's offices, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments still required for DMV and County Clerk's Office; recommended but not required for all other offices
- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals
- Check-in with Sheriff's deputies in lobby no longer required
- No pre-screening to attend public meetings or enter offices, but signing in to an office (providing name and phone or email) will be required for contact tracing purposes

For Family Court in Monticello:

- Open for in-person filings, but email preferred for emergency filings or regular mail for non-emergency filings
- Facial masks and six-foot distancing required throughout the area for anyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Pre-screening and temperature checks remain in place

For the County Courthouse in Monticello:

- Facial masks and six-foot distancing required throughout the building for anyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Pre-screening and temperature checks remain in place

For the Sheriff's Patrol and Civil Divisions in Monticello:

- Facial masks required throughout the building for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)
- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals

For the County Jail in Monticello:

- Not currently open to in-person visits

For the Career (One-Stop) Center in Monticello:

- Not currently open to in-person visits (building is not owned by the County)

For the Department of Family Services and the Department of Community Services in Liberty:

- Facial masks and six-foot social distancing required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments recommended but not required

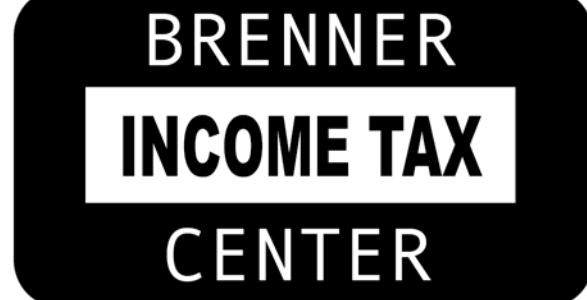
For Public Health Services in Liberty:

- Facial masks and six-foot social distancing required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments required

For the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty:

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For the County Airport in White Lake:

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- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals

For Sullivan County Transfer Stations (Monticello, Mamakating, Cochecton, Highland, Livingston Manor, Ferndale):

- Six-foot distancing required at all times for unvaccinated individuals
- Facial masks required when indoors, or within six feet of others when outdoors, for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)

For Sullivan County Parks (Livingston Manor Covered Bridge, Stone Arch Bridge in Kenoza Lake, Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg, Lake Superior in Bethel, D&H Canal in Wurtsboro/Summitville, Minisink Battleground in Barryville):

- Six-foot distancing required at all times for unvaccinated individuals
- Facial masks required within six feet of others for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)

For the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville:

- Not currently open to in-person visits
- These regulations may change as needed. Please refer to www.sullivanny.us for the latest information.

Last week before Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle - June 1, 2021

The Tri-Valley Lions organization is pleased to announce a fund-raising raffle of a beautiful quilt donated to our group by Sally Abrams, President of the Calico Geese Quilters group, which has 45 talented members and meets at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Ferndale. Per Sally, the Calico Geese Quilters have donated their handmade, gorgeous quilts in the last year to the Sullivan County Veterans Alliance, Foster Children of Sullivan County, Ride to Survive, Allyson Whitney Foundation, The Liberty Fire Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and now to the Tri-Valley Lions.

Sally tells us that the quilt donated to the Lions for its raffle is a 60" X 70" Bed Topper, and she hopes "that everyone opens their hearts and wallets to support the Tri-Valley Lions."

The drawing will be held on June 1, 2021, and the winner does not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Tickets will be available from Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921; Mary Lou Vernooy (Membership Chairperson) at 845-434-7781 or Terry Delaney at 845-434-8696.

All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

The Tri-Valley Lions group was chartered in 1977 and has been serving our community for more than 40 years. While we have lost many members over the years, we are proud to say that we still have several members who have been with our group since its inception. To those members we lost over the years, we still think about them, miss them, and continue to acknowledge the dedication of all members, past and present, and we know our community is appreciative of the contributions we've made since 1977.

Due to Covid 19, The Tri-Valley Lions group has been unable to perform our major fundraising efforts, which include running the soda booth at the Fairgrounds, our Annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight and Tag Day. We look forward to the day we can

once again interact in person, open our soda booth, and do our Journey For Sight Walk, which will increase our Charity Account so we can be even more responsive to those who need our assistance. To help get there we hope that all will continue to be tested, get the vaccine when available, wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and stay home when you are ill.

Thank you for your support and of course we are always looking for new members to join The Tri-Valley Lions. For additional information about the Quilt or raffles or becoming a member of The Tri-Valley Lions, please call Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921.

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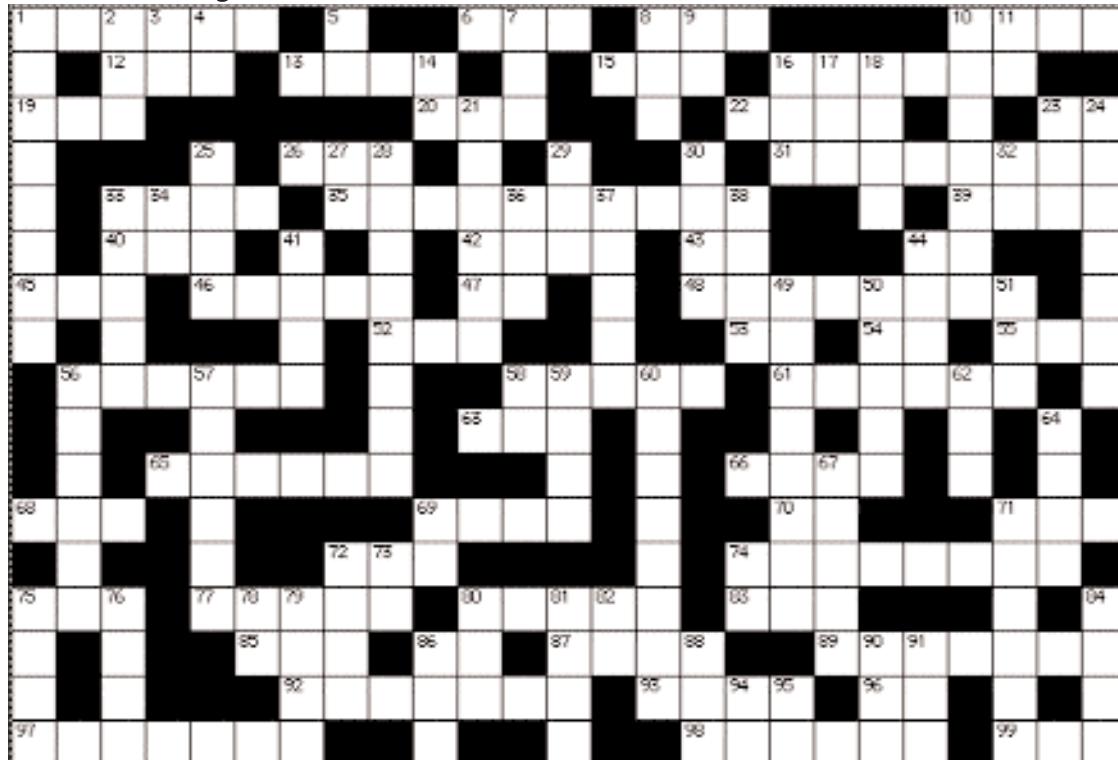
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27 Road (abbrev)
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81 Colleague
82 Egyptian sun god
84 Flowerless plant with leafy fonds
86 One of three primary colors
88 Rondout or Neversink
90 Large fast-running flightless bird
91 Cog in a wheel
94 12th star in a constellation
95 Social Security

Antipasto Salad for Family Style Picnic

2 packages spiral pasta
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3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
2 large green peppers, chopped
2 cans (15 to 16 ounces each) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
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1 pound sliced pepperoni, julienned
1/2 pound provolone cheese, cubed
1 cup pitted ripe olives, halved

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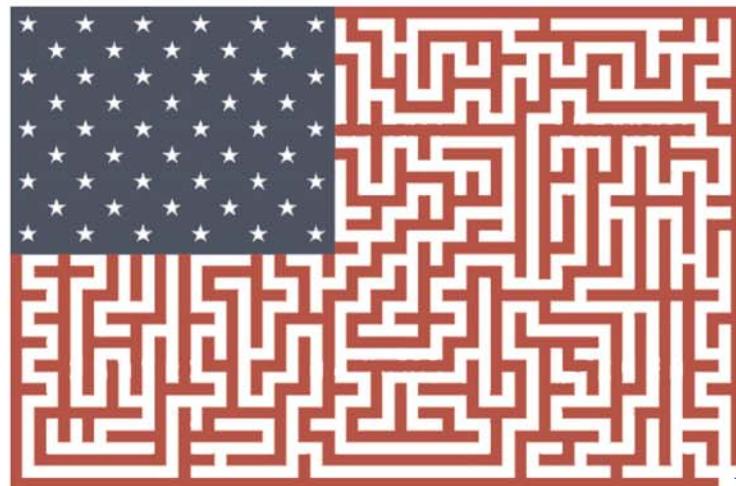
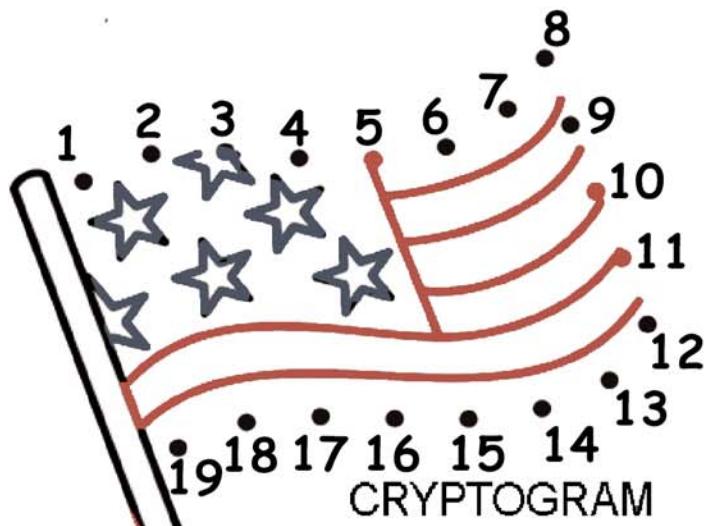
1 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons dried oregano
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1-1/2 cups olive oil

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water. In several large bowls, combine pasta with next eight ingredients.

For dressing, pulse vinegar, sugar, oregano, salt and pepper in a blender. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, 4 hours or overnight.

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Memorial Day

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Kids'
Memorial
Day Fun
Page -

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Starting at 10 am each day

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**TOWN OF NEVERSINK**

Request for Bids-Well Pump Replacement
Grahamsville Fairgrounds

The Town of Neversink is requesting bids to provide well pump replacement at the upper well of the fairgrounds as follows:

(1) Well is drilled at 540'. Pull approximately 410' of 1" galvanized pipe. Replace the pipe, 3 HP 3-wire pump and approximately 410' of 4-3 pump wire w/ground. Supply and replace any associated and/or necessary parts to complete project.

(2) Proof of Insurance required.

Bids are due to the Town Clerk by the end of the business day on June 4, 2021 to be reviewed by Town Board on June 9, 2021. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF NEVERSINK

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK

MAY 20, 2021

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"LEGAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING - TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School Library Lower Level at which time and place the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District will propose to appropriate up to the sum of \$175,000.00 from the Repair Reserve Fund for the purpose of non-recurring repair of Secondary School SPF (Spray Polyurethane Foam Roofing). The Public Hearing shall be held at the time and place stated herein."

5/27

Gillibrand Calls for Sweeping Legislation to Lower Prescription Drug Prices

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand will stand at the Regional Economic Community Action Program (RECAP) to call for a package of three bills to help reduce the cost of prescription drugs, and help ensure that everyone can access the medicine they need. Senator Gillibrand will be joined by Charles Quinn, CEO of RECAP, New York State Senator James Skoufis, New York State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, Newburgh City Mayor Torrance Harvey, City of Newburgh Councilwoman Ramona Monteverde, and Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus.

Drug manufacturers continue to increase the price of their drugs while one in four Americans are unable to afford their medications. Additionally, 30% of adults say they have not taken their medicine as prescribed in the past 12 months due to the costs. The package of bills includes three pieces of legislation to level the market for Americans purchasing prescription drugs; negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D; and allow patients, pharmacists and wholesalers to import safe, affordable medicine from Canada and other major countries. Senator Gillibrand's call comes as Senate and House Democrats negotiate legislation to make health care and prescription drugs more affordable for Americans as the economy recovers.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings

Tri-Valley CSD will have a Public Hearing on
Thursday, June 3, 2021

7:00 p.m.

in the Secondary School Library Lower Level for the purpose of proposing to appropriate up to the sum of \$175,000.00 from the Repair Reserve Fund for the purpose of non-recurring repair of Secondary School SPF (Spray Polyurethane Foam Roofing).

Tri-Valley CSD will have an Anticipated Proposed Executive Session at

6:00 p.m. on

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Secondary School Library Upper Level

Tri-Valley CSD will have Regular Board Meeting #24 immediately following the Public Hearing on

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Tri-Valley CSD will have an Anticipated Proposed Executive Session at

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021

Secondary School Library Upper Level

Tri-Valley CSD will have Regular Board Meeting #25 on Thursday, June 17, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Lower Level.

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

Washington, DC
202-225-3665

1410 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Binghamton, NY
601-242-0200
49 Court Street
Suite 210
Binghamton, NY 13901

Hike Our Trails, Pick Up Litter And Get Rid of It for Free! Events Kick Off June 5

Monticello, NY - Come celebrate National Trails Day with the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance on June 5, 2021, then head out to enjoy - and clean up - our wilderness!

Opening remarks with special guests will begin at 9 a.m. at the Hurleyville Rail Trail on the 5th, followed by a walk at 10 a.m., and then a Trail Clean-up from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Celebrations continue thereafter; visit www.sullivanandoandw.com for up-to-date information about group hikes in your area and event details.

Don't forget to bring a few trash bags on your hike! In support of National Trails Day, the Sullivan County Legislature has agreed to waive disposal fees for trail trash brought to County-operated transfer stations between June 5 and 13, 2021.

"Our litterpluck efforts extend beyond our roads and highways," noted District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, who chairs the Public Works Committee which oversees solid waste management in the County. "And considering how many people are now using our public trails, it makes sense to put some polish on our pathways."

"Even our most avid hikers probably haven't been on every trail in the County," said District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, chair of the Legislature's Parks & Sustainability Policy Committee. "This is a chance to see something new and help clean up along the way."

Free disposal coupons are required and can only be used for bags of litter collected from publicly accessible walking, hiking or bicycling trails within Sullivan County's borders. A list of local trails is available at www.trailkeeper.org.

Coupons can be obtained at any Sullivan County-operated transfer station or these proud partners:

- o Can't Hurt Steel Community Foundation, Eldred: cantthruststeelfoundation@gmail.com
- o Catskill Mountainkeeper, 47B Main Street, Livingston Manor: beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org
- o Smallwood Civic Association, Smallwood: smallwoodcivic@gmail.com
- o Town of Liberty Parks & Recreation, 119 N. Main Street, Liberty: p.r.dept@townofliberty.org
- o Mamakating Environmental Education Center, 762 South Road, Wurtsboro: jackie.broder@mamakating.org
- o Sullivan County Office of Parks & Recreation, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello: scsparks@sullivanny.us

For more information on the Countywide trail litterpluck, please call the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287.

Attorney General James Applauds Finalization of Plan to Dismantle and Cleanup Indian Point

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James issued the following statement on the New York State Public Service Commission's (PSC) approval of an agreement that her office reached in April 2021 with Holtec International and its subsidiaries governing the decommissioning and cleanup of the Indian Point nuclear power facility:

"I have always maintained that the dismantling and cleanup of Indian Point should prioritize the safety and wellbeing of New Yorkers. Today's approval of the agreement my office reached with Holtec certifies that we can move forward with a decommissioning process that is safe, responsible, thorough, and exceeds stringent federal standards. My office will continue to closely monitor the closure to ensure the protection of New Yorkers."

In April 2021, Attorney General James announced that her office reached a provisional agreement with Holtec regarding the decommissioning and cleanup of the Indian Point nuclear power facility in the lower Hudson Valley. That joint proposal, which was approved by the PSC today, was negotiated by the state of New York, local governments, environmental organizations, Entergy - the current owner of Indian Point - and Holtec. The agreement will allow the transfer of ownership of the nuclear power facility to Holtec, which will be responsible for the swift, complete, and safe decommissioning and remediation of the facility and site.

DEC Issues Updated Regulations for Visitors to Peekamoose Blue Hole and Rondout Creek Area in Sundown Wild Forest

- **New Regulations Promote Sustainable Visitation at Popular Catskills Destination**
- **Permits Now Required Seven Days a Week May 15 through Sept. 15**

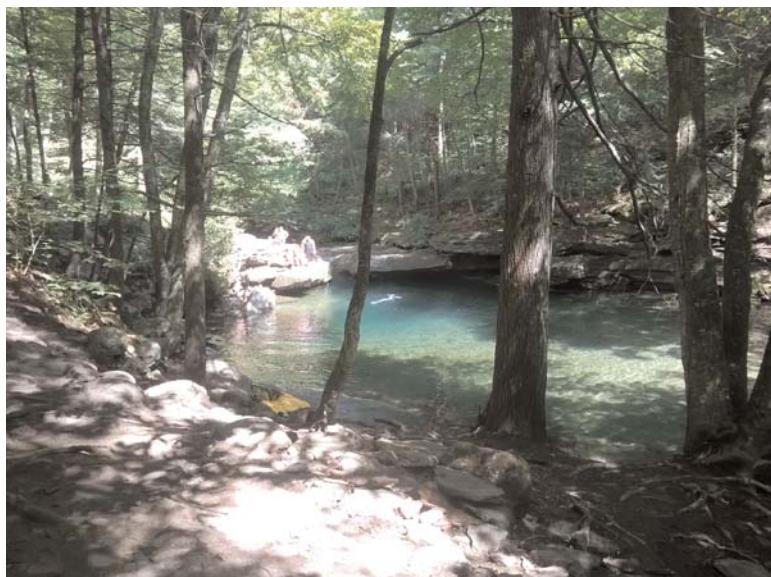
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released updated regulations for visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole and nearby Rondout Creek area in the Sundown Wild Forest, town of Denning, Ulster County. DEC issued the new regulations as part of an ongoing effort to protect this resource and promote sustainable use. The regulations will help improve public safety and reduce environmental impacts in the area.

"This expanded permit system for the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Rondout Creek area will both protect public safety and the environmental health of this unique and irreplaceable resource," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "To protect this special place for future generations of New Yorkers and promote more sustainable use at this location, the expanded permit system will help ensure an enjoyable experience for visitors."

The updated regulations will expand the current permit system for this location and require a permit seven days a week, including holidays, from May 15 through Sept. 15. The permits will be required for all visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole and the nearby corridor along the Rondout Creek, including campers, picnickers, hikers, and anglers. The updated regulations:

- Require visitors to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve;
- Limit parking to designated parking areas only. Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle;
- Permits must list the names of all members of the visiting party when making the reservation. Names can be changed up to one day in advance;
- Prohibit alcohol and coolers larger than 12" in any dimension at the Blue Hole. Limited use will be allowed at nearby designated camping areas only; and
- Camping permits are now required to reserve primitive tent sites in the Lower, Middle, and Upper fields. Visit Reserve America's website to make a reservation.

The expanded regulations for the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Rondout Creek area complement existing regulations. The Blue Hole is open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, except for designated camp sites nearby, and users are required to use portable restroom facilities for



human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste. In addition, the following activities and items are prohibited (with limited use allowed at the nearby designated camping area only):

Camping

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

Use of portable generators

Glass containers

Radios and other audio devices

"I appreciate the Department's efforts to preserve and protect the Peekamoose Blue Hole and Rondout Creek area," said Senator Mike Martucci. "The Expanded permit system will continue to allow for a great experience for visitors while furthering the goal of making sure this unique natural resource will have longevity. My thanks to Commissioner Seggos and his staff for a job well done."

Assemblyman Brian Miller said, "Outdoor recreation, like camping, hiking and fishing offered in the Sundown Wild Forest at Peekamoose Blue Hole and Rondout Creek, has greatly increased in popularity in recent years. While this is wonderful news for rural tourism and the health of New Yorkers, it is also causing overuse of some of our more popular wild places. Having personally toured Peekamoose Blue Hole myself, I believe we can promote sustainable use, while protecting our environment and still allowing people to get out there and enjoy it - and I believe this plan will help accomplish those goals."

"Ulster County is happy to work with DEC to make our outdoor recreation lands safer for all

visitors to enjoy," said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. "The revisions to the regulations for the Peekamoose Blue Hole Corridor, located in the Town of Denning, will do just that while also protecting the natural environment of this popular spot in the Catskills."

"The Town of Denning is in support of these emergency regulations, for the Peekamoose Riparian Corridor, as the Town believes, it will aid in the safeguarding of our residents and visitors, alike, while enhancing our visitors experience." said Denning Town Supervisor David Brooks.

Catskill Center Executive Director Jeff Senterman said, "We appreciate the thoughtful and measured response to high-use in the Peekamoose Valley Corridor. The Catskill Center has been a close partner with the DEC since the inception of a permit system for the Blue Hole, staffing the area with our full-time Catskill Stewards to help educate and inform visitors to the Blue Hole on how to recreate responsibly, and to help the DEC implement the permitting system. We look forward to an even stronger partnership this year, with more Stewards on site 7-days a week, as we all work to ensure public access, while protecting the Catskill Park's unique natural resources."

Visitors to the area are advised that parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the town and is a tow-away zone. Visitors can find out more information on these and other destinations in the Catskills by visiting the Catskills Visitors Center at 5096 Route 28 in Mt. Tremper, NY, calling (845) 688-3369, or visiting the Catskills Visitors Center website

Galligan Announces Conviction of Monticello Man for Illegal Gun Possession after Jury Trial in SC

Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that Daniel Ridley, 35, of Monticello, was convicted today of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Firearm, felonies, following a three-day jury trial. Ridley possessed a Deutsche Werke 7.65 mm pistol, the European equivalent of an American .32 ACP, on June 5, 2020 in the Town of Thompson. The firearm was discovered by members of the New York State Police during the course of a domestic incident investigation. Ridley is not entitled to possess a pistol as a result of his prior criminal convictions, including those relating to domestic violence and his 2008 felony conviction for Criminal Possession of a Narcotic Drug with intent to sell it.

District Attorney Galligan commended the New York State Police for their work on this investigation, which unfortunately included the unwillingness of a victim to move forward with assault charges. Galligan said, "Investigation of domestic incidents is a vital component of our County's commitment to public safety. We know that victims are sometimes unwilling or unable to cooperate with prosecution as a result of fear or other factors, but this does not deter our police from doing our best to protect our community and try to prevent injuries or worse." Galligan also praised the work of Executive Assistant District Attorney Steven Goldberg, who prosecuted the case at trial. Ridley was remanded to the Sullivan County Jail pending sentencing scheduled for July 29, 2021, at which he faces up to three and a half to seven years of incarceration.

The proceedings were held before Hon. James R. Farrell in the Sullivan County Courthouse following all COVID-related protocols.

Tenney Applauds Passage of Bipartisan Hack Your State Department Act

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, applauded House passage of the bipartisan Hack Your State Department Act, which was included in H.R. 1157, the State Department Authorization Act, that she co-led with Representative Ted Lieu (CA-33). The legislation would establish a Vulnerability Disclosure Program within the State Department to build out cybersecurity defense systems to secure and protect classified information handled by the agency.

"Our cyber defenses must meet today's evolving threats, especially when it comes to protecting sensitive and classified diplomatic information. This bipartisan bill strengthens our security against adversaries like Russia and China, who we know are always looking for vulnerabilities," said Congresswoman Tenney. "It requires the State Department to leverage external expertise to identify weaknesses in its cyber posture. This will help us identify targeted measures we can take to strengthen our defenses. This is a forward-looking bill built off an already effective model and I'm glad it has passed the House. I thank Congressman Lieu for leading this effort and I was pleased to be partnering with him on it."

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

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

 Sundown United Methodist Church
4th Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sales
Saturday, May 29 9 - 2 pm

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Sat., May 29th
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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.
Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

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The Church with a friendly welcome

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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480


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
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church
Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

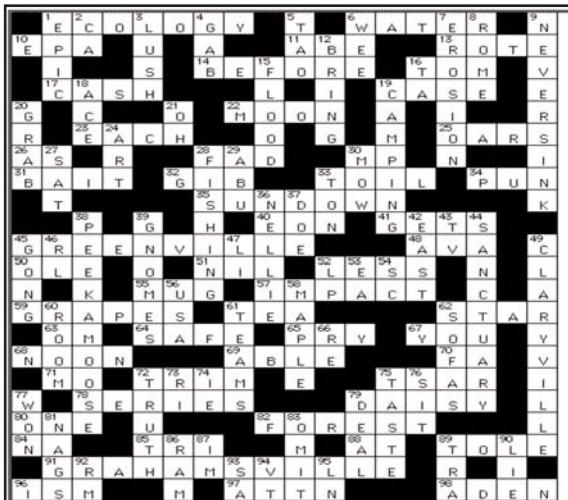
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



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Lower Level Community Room

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(See Page 33) for Order Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

There will be limited outside seating weather permitting.

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

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

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

2021 Sullivan County Art Shows PK- Grade 2 Art Show

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

<https://youtu.be/WGMD588o350>

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

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

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

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 Saturday, May 29
 9 - 2 pm
 at the
Sundown Methodist Church

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/31/21 Town of Neversink - Memorial Day Flag Exchange Ceremony 11 am Grahamsville Rural Cemetery
 5/31/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - Memorial Day
 6/1/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
 6/2/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 5/1921)
 6/4/21 **National Donut Day at Daniel Pierce Library** - 9 am - 5 pm
 6/8/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
 6/9/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
 6/15/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 6/1/2021
 6/17/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS
 Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Weekly Update Ulster County Legislature

May 24 - May 28, 2021

Monday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

- o No Meetings

Wednesday, May 26

- o 9:30 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
- o 11:00 AM - Ulster County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Registration Required: https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUceyqqDsoEtwAQ48BKl_WbkIMK2gLtzVh
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 826 5102 8831, By Phone Dial (929) 436-2866
- o 4:30 PM - Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 988 1042 6830, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, Dial In (929) 205-6099
- o 7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 828 2165 4886, Passcode: 247538, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

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Senator Martucci Blasts Format of Disabilities “Roundtable,” Calls out OPWDD

Despite New Guidance, Order Requiring Group Homes to Accept COVID-Positive Residents Not Rescinded

ALBANY NY - Senator Mike Martucci, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Disabilities criticized the format of today's roundtable discussion held by the Disabilities Committee and laid out the questions OPWDD Commissioner Kastner must answer in order to fully address his deadly order of April 10, 2020.

“Let's be clear, the Senate Majority has the power and the responsibility to hold hearings and issue subpoenas to provide necessary and proper oversite of the Governor and his Commissioners,” said Senator Martucci. “Today's roundtable was a sad cop-out and an abdication of that responsibility.”

Despite Senator Martucci's requests, the Chairman of the Disabilities Committee chose a roundtable discussion instead of a formal hearing. Further, the inclusion of other issues-while important-is inappropriate and serves to merely water down justifiable criticism of OPWDD

“On April 10, 2020, OPWDD issued an order eerily similar to the one issued by DOH which contributed to the deaths of 15,000 seniors. That OPWDD order helped make our most vulnerable citizens less safe. People residing in group homes were three

times more likely to die of COVID than the general public. This represented a 459% increase over 2019. Despite the proliferation of the vaccine and new guidance on this and other matters, OPWDD has still failed to rescind this order or to provide any communications between them, DOH and Governor Cuomo. This is outrageous and the public deserves answers,” said Martucci.

Senator Martucci plans to ask Commissioner Kastner the following questions and hold him and the Department fully accountable for both their actions and their inaction.

KEY QUESTIONS KASTNER & CUOMO MUST ANSWER

1. Why did Commissioner Kastner issue an order on April 10 that required the readmission or admission of COVID-positive residents to certified residential facilities?
2. Why has he refused to rescind it-even today-when we know of its awful impact? Consider, there was a 459% increase in deaths at group homes in April 2020 compared to April 2019, and individuals in group homes were three times more likely to be infected and to die from COVID than the general population.
3. What communications did Commissioner Kastner and his Department have with Governor Cuomo and his senior aides, Commissioner Zucker, or anyone else in the Cuomo administration about this order? Why has he utterly refused to provide those communications to me or to this committee? I want to know, what did he know and when did he know it, and more importantly, what role did Governor Cuomo-who we know covered up the deaths of 15,000 elderly people in nursing homes-play in this decision making?

Mike Martucci is serving his first term as the Senator for New York's 42nd State Senate District which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Standing Committees on Disabilities and Commerce, Economic Development And Small Business.

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Jorg Madlener Prepares for Third Exhibition this Summer in Claryville

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

War energy is remodeled into Peace energy.

Sandstorm the first five days of the war 2003 and Kassandra themes of war with often oversized paintings - is now followed by small works on paper. They look for peace.

Near his studio Joerg follows the unregulated flow of the river downstream with quick open air drawings. The following studio work allows remembrance of old landscape impressions to float in.

The river boarded by wooded hills becomes home, the river advances me, is ahead of (from?) me. When I close my drawing pad I am already bypassed

Potential. Becoming has to enter the painting.

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UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces that Residents have Started to Receive Their First Checks Through Ulster County's UBI Pilot Program

Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale guaranteed income pilot program. Participants have reported that funds will be used for critical needs such as medical expenses, paying down student debt, and looking to become first-time home buyers

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Ryan announced today that the first round of \$500 checks from Ulster County's Project Resilience Universal Basic Income (UBI) Pilot Program has gone out to residents selected to participate. Announced in County Executive Ryan's State of the County address in February, the program received over 4,200 applicants. The University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) Center for Guaranteed Income, serving as the research lead for the project, selected 100 qualifying individuals to participate in the program and 100 individuals to participate in the control group of the study through a lottery system. Participating residents have reported that they plan to use funds to pay for critical needs such as medical expenses, paying down student debt, and working to become a first time home buyer.

"I am very excited that Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale UBI pilot program, where we will provide much-needed economic relief directly to families across the county," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "Providing our first direct relief payments is a major milestone in this process. We look forward to seeing the impact on the

lives of our residents and participating in the national conversation about the importance of creating this policy to help people in need across the country."

Last month, UPenn notified the 200 people of the group that they have been placed in (control or participant) and scheduled individual check-ins with the participant group to identify any impact on each person's current benefits. Interviews were conducted by Melida Dessalines who has been selected as UPenn's Local Research Fellow. Dessalines is a local Kingston resident who has received her Master's in Public Health from the University of Albany and is a first-generation U.S. Citizen and first-generation college graduate. She worked alongside Kim Mapes, who runs the Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center, to conduct these initial check-ins.

Over the coming year, participants will submit quarterly surveys to track improvements in their mental health, physical health, and employment status. They will also have individual interviews with UPenn over the summer to document the stories of each participant.

Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program. This program will provide much-needed economic relief directly to families throughout the county. Through a partnership between Project Resilience, the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Guaranteed Income, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Ulster Savings Bank, Ulster County will be providing 100 qualifying households with direct relief payments of \$500 a month for an entire year, all funded through the generosity of community donations.

Is it an Old Vision or the Same Vision Resurfacing?

Do you remember in 1970, a developer's plans for a multimillion-dollar ski and resort complex on Blue Hill, near Willowemoc? Many believed the development of the ski and resort complex pinged upon the voters in the Town of Neversink - would the town remain a 'dry' town or would they vote to end the ban on the sale of beer and liquor in the Town of Neversink. Here is a little background information from an article in the

New York Times: 1970:

"In 1935, two years after Prohibition ended, the voters here outlawed the sale of beer and hard liquor. Three times since then they have rejected proposals to end that ban.

Now, as Election Day nears, voters in the town, which includes the villages of Grahamsdale, Curry and Neversink, are debating five options on the ballot that will decide whether Neversink remains as one of 34 dry towns among the total of 931 towns in New York State.

Ski Area Planned

Aligned against the wet options are several local groups, including members of a local Methodist Church; favoring two of the options are the officers of the Marcent Development Company, Inc. of 200 Park Avenue, New York City, a concern that has purchased 4,500 acres on Slawson Mountain at Willowemoc, 12 miles from here, for a multi-million dollar ski project.

Maintaining that they cannot operate successfully without these options, the land developers have asked the town for the right to sell alcoholic beverages in the projected ski area under hotel and restaurant licenses. The concern, headed by Moshe Mayer, an Israeli development expert, has announced that it plans an investment of about \$5 million in the first phase of the ski area.

Mr. Mayer and his family run 50 companies and founded the Israeli Export Bank, which has provided the base for his Worldwide operations. In Monrovia, Liberia, he built the city's first sky scraper, the city hall, the Ducor International Hotel and the Executive Mansion. He also built the tourist center Ivory in the Ivory Coast Republic's City of Abidjan.

The Neversink project is the, first Mr. Mayer's concern has undertaken in the United States.

The Neversink Town Board certified the wet options for the general election after receiving petitions bearing the names of 25 per cent of the town's 1,100 registered voters.

The other day, Mrs. Marjorie DuBois, chairman of the Social Concerns Committee of the Grahamsdale Methodist Church, wrote in the church's weekly newsletter that approval of the Option would endanger the town's young people.

She wrote: "A 'yes' Vote on any of the options means that the Town of Neversink would no longer be unique in that it is one of the very few dry areas, in New York State. Oh, you say, it won't have any affect on you.

"But what about your daughter or your son-their friends and associates, our youth? You feel you live so far away from the villages or hotel areas nothing can happen. For all we know, tragedies could happen in some of our families because of someone under the influence of alcohol. A foot

in the door leads to more. Think before voting."

Second Appeal Scheduled

The Marcent Development Company is preparing to send out a letter to town voters, appearing for their support and explaining the five options. Under the signature of S. G. Schimenti, vice president of the concern, the letter says:

"We hope that we have created a climate of understanding and goodwill which will enable us to work together harmoniously toward the ultimate success of the ski project.

"It is an established fact the world over that such a development cannot reach its potential unless alcoholic beverages are available to those who desire them with their meals or during after ski relaxation."

Neversink, a Sullivan County town bordering the Catskill Forest Preserve has thousands of acres of land under water with two dams, Merriman and Neversink, impounding billions of gallons of water in New York City reservoirs. The city pays 80 per cent of the town's taxes. Two weeks ago, the local school district received a \$600,000 check from the city in payment of taxes.

Bruce Denman Jr., a real estate and insurance broker, who also is chairman of the town's Republican committee, says he favors two of the options-the two desired by the ski area developers -because the town needs the additional tax base.

"New York City has been making noises about trying to get out from under its huge tax bill here," Mr. Denman said.

"If it ever does we're sunk. We wouldn't have enough taxpayers left here to run the town. We need the tax base that the new ski area would provide."

He indicated that he would vote against the options that would permit bars and taverns. "I voted by absentee ballot against going wetback when I was in Korea in 1952," he added, "but this year I'm going to vote for the hotel and restaurant censing."

Mr. Denman, who says that he processes many insurance claims involving automobile accidents, said he couldn't count the number of accidents drivers have attributed to the long drive to Claryville or Woodbourne late at night to buy six-packs.

Assessed Value is \$27 Million

The Town of Neversink has a total of assessed valuation, \$27 million. If the Marcent concern invests \$100 million in its project as contemplated over the next decade, it will more than double the town's assessed valuation, according to local tax authorities.

Carl Allison, a building contractor in his 30's who was painting a house on Route 55, stopped painting long enough to tell an interviewer that "I would just as soon see the town stay dry." He said: "I don't think we need bars or taverns here. We don't have alcohol or drug problems here and we don't want these problems."

Paul Weber, 86 years old, who has lived here longer than he can remember, says he will, vote in favor of the wet options "because I like the taste of schnapps." Mr. Weber's cronies say he usually carries a bottle of brandy "for snakebite"-on his daily walks along Route 55.

At Ralph's Place, a tavern only 25 feet over the Neversink town line in the Town of Fallsburg, six of eight customers drinking beer over an old-fashioned bar with sawdust on the floor made no bones about where they stood on the wet option. (Cond. Pg 27-K2)

"We're going to make the town wet," said Archie Ackerly, a construction contractor who lives in Neversink. "But I've got to admit it's going to be awfully close."

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Grahamsdale - There's a bank where the saloon used to be, and you've got to drive a few miles if you want that demon rum.

Since 1935, there's been no alcohol for sale in the Town of Neversink. The town and its hamlets - Grahamsdale, Claryville, Aden, Willowemoc, Bradley and Neversink - are dry.

The only "wet" places here are under the New York City reservoirs. Bittersweet and Old Neversink rest below the Neversink Reservoir. Eureka, Montela and the Ulster County hamlet of Lackawack lie beneath the Rondout.

Part of "dry" Neversink's history, in fact, rests under the Rondout, says Neversink Historian Carol Smythe.

When Prohibition ended in 1933, a man named Frank Patruno set up a barbershop and saloon in Grahamsdale.

"I think there must have been a lot of drinking in those days - and now, we're not talking about a big community," Smythe says.

One day, a man stumbled out the saloon and into the road. He was run down and killed.

"So it went to resolution shortly after that," Smythe says. "And the town went dry."

That didn't put Patruno out of business, according to a local history of Grahamsdale, "Time in the Valley." Patruno bought a property in Montela called the County Line Hotel that straddled the line between Sullivan and Ulster counties. Patruno moved the existing bar down the hall to the Ulster County side of the building.

He did a brisk business with Neversink's tipplers and workmen who arrived to build dams for the coming reservoirs.

In 1970, a developer's plans for a multimillion-dollar ski and resort complex on Blue Hill, near Willowemoc, evaporated with the town's tradition. The failed project was noted in an article written by Smythe's mom - former Neversink Historian Inez Gridley, before the town's 1998 bicentennial.

"To make it pay, developers needed to be able to serve liquor at their tourist attractions," Gridley wrote. "Land had already been acquired but work on the project stopped when people voted no [on repealing the alcohol sales ban]. The see-saw story of wet and dry in the township goes back into the 19th century."

(Neversink Supervisor Georgianna Lepke says the booze ban wasn't really all to blame. The plans would have infringed on the Fir Brook, a tributary of a renowned trout stream, the Willowemoc Creek.)

Lepke and Smythe say one more attempt to change the law in the late 1970s failed. Elections commissioners rejected the petition as improper.

"Since that time, we've never voted on it," Lepke says.

According to the Between the Lakes Group, which has researched the history of Old Neversink, the temperance movement had its supporters in the town well before Prohibition became the law Jan. 16, 1920.

One early 1900s temperance crusader was Neversink native May Bonnell Cross. She and her husband, Eugene Cross, ran a store, bowling alley and casino in Neversink from 1892 to 1905.

A saloon across the street inspired Mrs. Cross to take up with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She rose to a high position in the group.

Sure, folks in Neversink imbibe, like anyone else. But for now, Lepke sees no reason to legalize selling liquor here.

"There's only going to be the people that sell the product, whether it be a package store or a bar, who are going to profit by it," Lepke says.

"We're used to going out of the area," Smythe says. "We have to go out of the area to buy groceries. ... I don't think we miss it."

It's nearly a century since May Cross shook her head at the saloon across the street.

It's 70 years since the town drove Frank Patruno to the County Line.

And Neversink's still dry."

The 'wet' and 'dry' issue revealed the vote tally favored keeping the Town of Neversink dry, it did come up for vote two more times. Plans for the ski slope and resort seemed to fade in the minds of many.

Allison Ruef, summed up quite a bit of history regarding the 'dry' vs. 'wet' in an article that appeared in the *Sullivan County Democrat*.

Neversink once again ponders whether to stay 'dry' or get 'wet'

By Allison Ruef - staff writer

This sign outside of the entrance to Cannie D's gas station and convenience store in Neversink urges residents to approve a two-part proposition authorizing the sale of alcohol within the Town of Neversink.

GRAHAMSVILLE - On November 3, Town of Neversink residents will go to the polls to not only elect their local leaders, but to decide, yet again, if their town should remain "dry" or if the sale of alcohol in restaurants and beer and wine coolers in stores should be allowed.

The ballot proposition has been presented and voted down at least 10 times since the sale of alcohol was banned in 1935 - and two years after the repeal of Prohibition nationwide. (Ironically, the first canned beer hit the market that same year.)

According to local lore, a series of fatalities in Grahamsdale (a hamlet of the Town of Neversink which also includes Claryville, Willowemoc and Bradley), coupled with a strong Women's Christian Temperance Union movement led by May Bonnell Cross, was the impetus for the enactment of the local law, which has held strong ever since (see sidebar).

As the decades passed, Neversink held onto what some call its "claim to fame" - the status of being one of 10 "dry" towns in New York State.

Just three years ago, the idea to change back to "wet" was defeated by 101 votes - but much may have changed in that short time.

With Montreign coming, some feel the county is poised for what will be a renewed vitality. Also, a number of local breweries and distilleries have brought business to other Sullivan County towns following a state law allowing for (Contd. Pg. 27 - K3)

"farm breweries," enacted in July 2012. Indeed, their success may play a part in softening local sentiment.

The difficulty in finding local residents willing to speak on the record in support of upholding the ban may also be a telling sign that public sentiment has perhaps shifted on this issue.

But will Neversink residents ultimately give up their "dry" status?

That is the hope of local business owners like Jennifer Grimes, who owns the Eureka Market and Café in Grahamsville and who led the 2012 attempt to repeal the law and allow for the sale of alcohol in restaurants only. (Full disclosure: this reporter also works for Grimes in that business.)

Grimes has, once again, taken up the effort to repeal the 80-year-old law. As a real estate broker as well as a restaurateur, she has spent many hours contemplating how the law affects not just her business, but all who attempt to do business in the small town.

"Having alternatives isn't the point - it's about restriction of freedom for businesses to have half a chance here," she said. "Restaurants are anchor businesses in a community that makes other business possible."

Including Grimes' other business - Red Cottage, Inc. As a real estate broker, she often meets people seeking property in the Catskills.

"When I show property, people always ask, 'Where do you shop for food? Where is there to eat?' People are choosing not only between houses, but between towns," she explained. "They will, more often than not, choose a community with a robust business area that is conveniently located and where they feel they can plug into their community. It is a very competitive market, and buyers are very savvy."

Local auto repair shop owner and former town justice Keith Zanetti agrees, adding, "I've never heard anyone say, 'We're going to Grahamsville. Know why? 'Cause you can't buy alcohol there.' Why is that appealing? Yeah, we're unique - now let's watch people drive through our town so they can stop somewhere else to eat or spend the night. It doesn't make sense."

Zanetti, a long-time resident, admits that he has voted "no" in the past.

"I was stuck in my Grahamsville ways. After my time as justice was over, I realized that it's time," he explained. "I actually went to Meigan and Ardie Dean and apologized for not supporting them."

The Deans have long supported overturning the law, which will help their business as one of two stores where sales would be allowed. After three previous attempts since opening their grocery store/gas station, Cannie D's, in the early 2000's, they sat out on the 2012 effort, saying, "We've moved on."

They decided to try again at the urging of Zanetti but didn't want to comment.

"I've said enough already," said Meigan. "I think people know how I feel."

Others, like Town Supervisor Mark McCarthy, feel that there is simply no need for the sale of alcohol within town borders.

"It is so much a part of the identity of the town," he said. "Most people live here because of how the town is - a quiet, bedroom community. Anything that could possibly change the quality of life and lifestyle I do not support."

McCarthy continued, "If I thought for a minute that it

would be an economic boon to the Town of Neversink, I'd be waving the flag. But the truth is that more and more establishments and bars that served alcohol are closed. They're gone. People don't have the expendable income they once had. Making the town 'wet' for economic reasons is not going to make that much of a difference. Especially here."

In the next town over, and a town half in Sullivan County and half in Ulster County, Claryville is often held up as the example both for and against the ban.

"Claryville has a deli-restaurant that is 100 yards from the town line - they've had no economic boon because they can sell alcohol," said McCarthy. "And if Neversink residents want to have a glass of wine or a beer with their meal, why can't they just go to Claryville?"

Former Town of Neversink Supervisor Greg Goldstein shared that view when he was in office but has since changed his feelings.

"It's long overdue," he said in a recent interview. "It's not as if people don't already drink in this town, and there's nothing wrong with that. The proposition doesn't allow bars or liquor stores - it's strictly the ability to sell beer and wine coolers."

"It will probably save people mileage driving to Liberty or Fallsburg or Ellenville," he predicted. "It will give people the chance to drive five minutes to enjoy a meal and a glass of wine rather than travel to a different town to do the same thing."

"What's really going to change? Has it changed Claryville? If anything, it has improved things. They have a new events center, there's talk of a brewery and there's more impetus to bring development and give opportunities for small businesses."

Legislator Kitty Vetter, while fully accepting the decision of Neversink residents to deny the sale of alcohol, feels that allowing it will help rather than hinder the growth and financial health of the town.

"I can't stress enough that I respect the decision of the residents of Neversink either way when it comes to home-rule decisions," she says. "But in representing the Town of Rockland as well, I am seeing exponential growth with the breweries, restaurants and distilleries that are helping to bring back some of the vibrancy of these communities. I don't see the negative piece - I see small businesses and restaurants open for business. People having a glass of wine with dinner doesn't spell doom to these towns. I don't see it spelling doom for Neversink either."

McCarthy, who is running against Vetter for a seat on the County Legislature, doesn't see it the same way.

"Some want it, some don't, but I don't see the benefit of it," he explained. "I'm not against people having a good time. It's a decision about trying to preserve a way of life. Being a dry town gives us a certain lifestyle. It isn't about money, it's about quality of life."

A brief history of a 'dry' town

Town of Neversink residents voted to prohibit the sale of alcohol in the town in 1935, two years after the repeal of Prohibition.

The move to repeal the sale was led by the Methodist Church group called the Women's Christian Temperance Movement and the group's leader, May Bonnell Cross.

Cross lived near the local tavern in Grahamsville, and according to the website "Between the Lakes," after "observing the deleterious effects of alcohol on the people (Contd. Pg. 27 -K4)

who visited there - and the effects on her own family businesses of people being unable to work or pay their debts due to excessive alcohol consumption," Cross became a champion of banning the sale of alcohol.

One particular event that served as the catalyst for Cross' movement was the death of retired newspaper writer William H. Chamberlin, who was struck and killed after leaving the tavern while walking back to the boardinghouse in which he lived. Making the death even more sensational was the fact that the bartender of the tavern, Stanley Brazelle, killed him.

The first attempt to repeal the law banning alcohol sales came in 1937, then 1945 and again in 1947, where four propositions were defeated by nearly two-to-one.

The next push to repeal the law came in 1970 when Marcent Development Co. purchased 4,500 acres of land on Slawson Mountain of Willowemoc with plans to create a multi-million-dollar ski resort complex. Work was quickly begun but subsequently halted when the community voted not to repeal the ban on alcohol sales.

While the vote played a part in the decision of Marcent to cease work on the project, they also ran into environmental issues pertaining to Fir Brook, a tributary of the Willowemoc Creek.

The issue resurfaced in the late '70s and once in the '80s but then not again until the 2000s where it was voted on in 2006, 2010, 2012 and now 2015. Each time, the margin has gotten smaller, with only 101 votes causing it to go down in 2012.

"I think that Neversink going 'dry' is one of the great stories of home rule being used to protect the interests of a community," said Sullivan County Historian John Conway.

"I recall the story that Inez George Gridley used to tell, and then Carol Smythe after her, about a man named Frank Patruno, who owned a saloon in Grahamsville in the 1930s," he continued. "When the ban was enacted, he moved to Montela and built the County Line Hotel, which straddled the Sullivan-Ulster County line. He ran the bar on the Ulster County side and did well because of the workers from the reservoir project. So a ban isn't necessarily foolproof."

The proposition at a glance

There are two different propositions, and each will be voted upon separately.

"Proposition 1: Shall the operator of a full-service restaurant be allowed to obtain a license which permits the restaurant operator to sell alcoholic beverages for a customer to drink while the customer is within the restaurant? In addition, unopened containers of beer (such as six-packs or kegs) may be sold 'to go' for the customer to open and drink at another location (such as, for example, at his home)?"

"Proposition 2: Shall the operator of a grocery store, drug-store or supply ship operating in the harbors of Lake Erie be allowed to obtain a license which permits the operator to sell 'to go' unopened containers of beer (such as six-packs and kegs) and wine coolers with not more than six (6%) percent alcohol to a customer to be taken from the store for the customer to open and drink at another location (such as, for example, at his home)?"

Will allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages increase insurance rates such as homeowners' or automobile insurance? No. According to Greg Goldstein of the Misner Agency, an insurance broker located in Woodbourne, Neversink is a part of a regional group of towns that are all a part of a territory. Rates are determined by that territory,

not by individual towns. For example, Neversink is in the same region as Jeffersonville, Roscoe and Narrowsburg and therefore pay the same rates as those living in those towns, all of which sell alcoholic beverages.

Also, according to former Neversink Justice Keith Zanetti, Neversink has the same rate of DWI convictions as neighboring towns.

It has now gone on six years since the vote in 2015. As there is no further discourse about 'wet' or 'dry' Neversink, it appears that all is going well for those who wish to purchase beer or not purchase it. And locally, the ski slope and resort in Claryville proposed so many years ago has set on the 'back burner'. However, with a little research, there are queries from others - especially ski enthusiasts. For example here are some recent entries that were posted on <https://forum.nyskiblog.com/Willowemoc-Ski-Area-tid4063489.html>

"I am curious to see if anyone here knows anything about a former ski area west of Claryville, NY, north of Route 17/I-86. I stumbled upon it this past weekend while fishing. It is tough to see from the road because of tall trees at the road edge but you can see grass of some of the higher mountain runs in the distance. The runs are clearly visible in aerial imagery and even look recently mowed / maintained as cuts like these grow in quite quickly in this region, as I am sure all of you know. I tried to look the site up on Lost New York Ski Areas but didn't see a reference. Maybe I missed it."

"The former base of the ski area is located at 41°55'14.49"N, 74°38'12.39"W on Pole Rd. You can see it easily on Google Maps or Google Earth. My assumption is that it was related to one of the many large Catskill resorts in the area; most of which have closed and become ruins themselves."

"Anyway, I was just curious if anyone had information about it. Even just a name. It looks like it would be fun to explore. There are posted signs all along the road edge."

And many questions as posted <https://www.snowjournal.com/discussion/1575/which-area-is-this-catskills>

There are recent local stirrings regarding the property in Claryville where Moshe Mayer had a vision and proposed a ski slope and resort. Jonathan Leitersdorf, Moshe's grandson has a new vision. The 3,150 acre Kerilands property has been in the Leitersdorf family for over 60 years, and has remained protected for much of that history

You can download and read Kerilands Vision Presentation <https://townofneversink.org/document-center/kerilands/732-keriland-s-vision-presentation/file.html>

History and progress always makes a great debate.

Looking back over the past 50 years we saw many long debates, discussions and even arguments over the 'wet' and 'dry' issue in the Town of Neversink that took different turns and courses that finally wound up with its first toast as quoted in Niva Dorell's article.

Neversink toasts its first legal beer in 80 years

By Niva Dorell, Fri, 12/18/2015 - 10:42 am

Eighty years after the town of Neversink in Sullivan County banned the sale and public consumption of alcohol, Kenny Curry took the first legal sip of beer at the Eureka Market and Café in Grahamsville on Thursday, Dec. 17. (Contd. Pg 27 K5)

Curry won the honor through a contest Grimes ran that asked, "Why you should be the first person in 80 years to legally purchase alcohol in the Town of Neversink?"

"I wrote about how my father was probably one of the last ones to buy a beer in Grahamsville before it went dry," Curry said. "I thought maybe I could be one of the first to legally again buy a beer."

Sitting a few tables away, his brother, Earl Curry, 87, recalled going to Neversink's first post-Prohibition bar, owned by Frank Patruno, with their father in 1933. That was two years before Neversink passed its own post-Prohibition alcohol ban.

Earl Curry said that the town passed the ban because "they didn't want the workers coming over from the dam."

In the 1930s, Neversink was bracing for an influx of laborers. Construction was beginning on the Merriman Dam, which created the Rondout Reservoir, one of four reservoirs built to supply water to New York City.

"They didn't want bars," Earl Curry said. "The workers were renowned drunks and rowdy."

When a man was killed after stumbling out of a local saloon into the street, Neversink voted to outlaw booze in 1935, making it illegal to sell or drink alcohol in a public establishment.

Since then, the citizens of Neversink have voted to uphold the ban three times, according to the Times Herald-Record.

As recently as 2012, Jennifer Grimes, the owner of the Eureka Market and Café, spearheaded a campaign to overturn the alcohol ban and lost by 101 votes.

"I was so shocked that people would really vote against it in such numbers," Grimes said. "It was so different from my outlook on what a restaurant means to a community that I was really surprised."

But this year, with the encouragement of Keith Zanetti, who was running for Neversink town council, Grimes tried again.

This time, on Nov. 3, Neversink voters narrowly approved a ballot proposition to legalize the selling of alcohol in restaurants and convenience stores.

The vote was a tight one—the provision to allow alcohol sales in convenience stores only passed after absentee votes were counted.

As of Thursday, the Eureka Market has a liquor license and sells local and national beer and wine. Grimes plans to eventually add spirits.

"What I really look forward to," Grimes said, "is waking up tomorrow and seeing that the world is still here."

"We need to go wet"

Grimes, Zanetti and others hope that turning Neversink wet will help revitalize the town.

Zanetti, who won his election for a seat on Neversink's town council in November, had once voted to keep the booze ban himself.

He understood the mindset of many of his neighbors, including town supervisor Mark McCarthy, who wanted to keep alcohol outside town limits.

"They just do because that's the way it was," Zanetti said. "And I respect that, because I was there too."

What changed Zanetti's mind was realizing how much business was being lost.

"I was talking with a good friend of mine who is a senior cit-

izen, and she was saying, 'We're sinking. We need to do something in this town. We need to go wet.' That's when I approached Jennifer Grimes," Zanetti said.

The timing was right. Grimes had been considering closing the Eureka Market.

"To have an eatery without alcohol is hard," she said. "Alcohol has a nice margin. It really helps you get through, especially through the winter."

From under-the-table to out-in-the-open

It was fitting that Kenny Curry was the one to break Neversink's alcohol ban. He had a hand in building the Eureka Market, then a garage on one side and a restaurant called Carol's Kitchen on the other side, in 1972.

"Back then, if people wanted to have a drink at the restaurant, they brought their own," he said. "Nobody said anything. It was an under-the-table thing. But almost every other house had a bar in the basement. Still do."

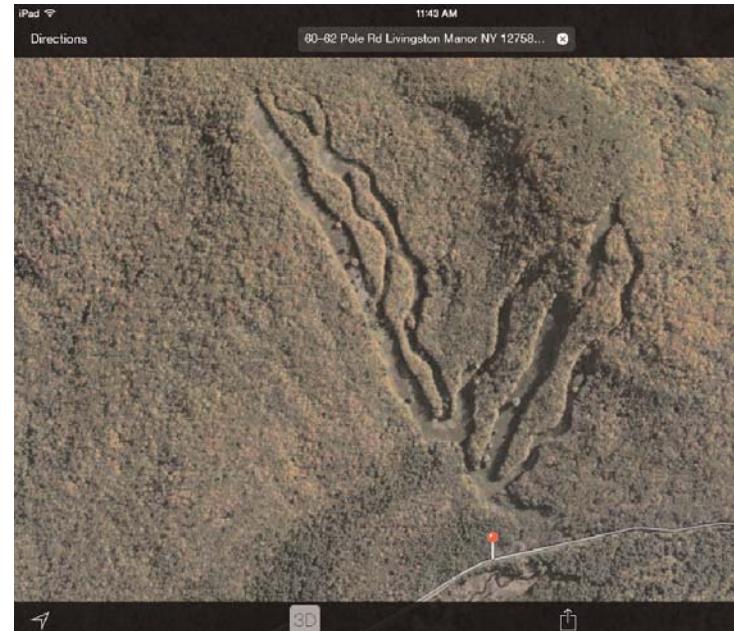
He laughed and looked down at his beer.

"It's different now to sit here and have a beer," he said. "It's legal now."

It has been over 50 years since Moshe put forth a vision for his land in the Town of Neversink. As time has passed we see from history the wants and needs of people have changed. COVID has changed our perspective in many ways. Who would have thought of virtual teaching, virtual newspapers, virtual doctor visits, etc.? I personally realize that it was a year of mandated changes. Today, I also realize how fortunate that I, a member of the older community has survived through all of the changes and grateful that we are now seeing the potential end of the *COVID Dark Tunnel*.

It makes me wonder has Moshe's dream been preserved so well that Kerilands will become part of the Town of Neversink's new norm?

"The oxen are slow, but the earth is patient"
- Confucius



Maintained ski trails in Claryville

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Issues Statement on January 6 Commission Proposal

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) issued the following statement regarding H.R. 3233, the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act.

"I condemn the unlawful acts at the US Capitol on January 6. Those who threaten, destroy and steal property betray our fundamental Constitutional rights of free speech and peaceful assembly.

Congress has the authority and the obligation to investigate the events of January 6 and should take steps to prevent lawlessness from occurring again. Congress and its committees of jurisdiction are fully equipped to handle this inquiry. They have subpoena power and subject-matter expertise. Most importantly, members of Congress must be accountable to the people, unlike a commission staffed with unelected, partisan appointees.

To date, congressional committees have already held nine bipartisan hearings on the events of January 6. Most, if not all, should release reports or findings. These and future hearings must remain substantive, bipartisan, and transparent. Before rushing to create yet another new process, Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats must explain to the American people why under their leadership, Congress cannot be counted on to fulfill its most basic oversight functions and responsibilities with accountability and integrity.

In addition to the existing inquiries, the Architect of the Capitol is launching its own review of security vulnerabilities at the Capitol, which will be fully nonpartisan. Congress should demand a full review and release of all documents and evidence of every type relevant to uncovering the truth. The American people have a right to know.

I fear that this committee is little more than a fishing expedition at the taxpayer's expense and will cherry-pick the evidence to conform to the Democrat's narrative. Targeting individual members based on political views is also a grave concern. The very last revelation an outcome-based inquiry will produce is the truth.

Wasting taxpayer money on duplicative investigations that appear to have a political motive is not serving the public or upholding our Constitutional principles which require adherence to the rule of law and the quest for truth."

Gillibrand, Shaheen Lead Bipartisan Letter to Secure Additional Payments for Dairy Farmers – Direct Aid Would Remedy Milk Pricing Change that Resulted in \$725 Million in Lost Income for Dairy Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Dairy, and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) led a bipartisan letter urging the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide additional relief to dairy farmers. In the letter, the senators highlight the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on costs facing dairy farmers, as well as the impact of a milk pricing change that resulted in \$725 million in lost income for dairy farmers and disproportionately impacted small and mid-size

dairy operations. They called on the USDA to provide more direct payments and assistance through USDA programs such as the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), or through other new or existing programs, to help reduce the strain on dairy farmers.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted dairy supply chains and has caused disruptive price volatility," the senators wrote. "Feed, labor, farm equipment, and energy costs have all increased as the result of the pandemic and contributed to lower profits for dairy farmers. In addition, dairy farmers have experienced challenges receiving a fair price for their milk as a result of the change to the ... milk price formula ... that has caused dairy farmers collectively to lose out on \$725 million dollars in income since the change was implemented in May 2019."

They continued: "We appreciate USDA's work to implement the relief for farmers provided by Congress, as well as the agency's commitment to support dairy farmers during the COVID-19 pandemic across a variety of programs; however ... the agency should continue issuing payments to dairy farmers under CFAP, or through any further assistance programs that USDA conceives, including the Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, for the first six months of 2021 and make these payments retroactive to January 1st. Continuing these payments would help alleviate the loss of dairy farms we are seeing in the Northeast and around the country and give dairy farmers additional relief as they continue to face the fallout of this pandemic."

In April of 2020, USDA announced the conception of CFAP, with funds provided by Congress, to assist farmers and consumers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Included in CFAP were direct payments to dairy farmers to offset pandemic-related economic losses for farmers. This assistance was critical to farmers, especially as many were forced to dump their milk after losing buyers and income. These payments were put on pause in January of 2021 when the Administration announced it was doing a 60 day regulatory review. However, when the review was concluded, no further payments to dairy farmers were announced. (Contd. Pg. 32)

Sullivan County ROAD CLOSURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submission Guidelines:

1. Up to three pieces of original artwork will be considered for inclusion in the show (no reproductions).
2. All artwork should be no more than 24 inches x 24 inches in size, including frame. All works must be wall hung. Small shelves (to be provided by the artist) for sculptures are acceptable.
3. The library takes a 30% commission on all sales (the artist will receive the remaining 70% of the sale).
All artwork must be for sale.
4. Send 3 – 5 jpg or png files of your work to the email address below.



5. Image files should each be named with the artwork's title only. In the body of the email, please provide details for each of the works, i.e. medium and sizes (height x width):
eg.
Untitled 1: oil, 5" x 7"
Untitled 2: pastel, 8" x 10"
Untitled 3: pen & ink, 12" x 12"
6. All artwork must be properly wired ready for hanging. Any work not properly wired will be rejected.
7. Please submit your image files by Monday, June 7, 2021.
8. Send your submission to oflatrsubmissions@gmail.com
9. If accepted, you will be contacted directly by email with all necessary forms for you to fill in, and submit them with your artwork during intake. Intake day is Monday, July 19.
10. If you want to be added to the Olive Free Library's email list and find out about its events and other exhibition opportunities, please send an email to director@olivefreelibrary.org
11. We look forward to receiving your submissions!
Exhibition Committee – Olive Free Library Association
4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494
Phone: 845.657.2482 / Website: olivefreelibrary.org



CONCERT SERIES
 LIVE & VIRTUAL

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Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:30 PM

A virtual concert series streamed on MISU/Music on Market Facebook pages
 The concerts are free; donations are accepted and welcome.

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The 36th Annual Car Show
Sunday, June 27th 2021

Big Indian Valley Park

Route 28, Big Indian, NY 12410

"Special Awards" Fireman's choice,
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Registration if your entering a car 8am to 12:30
Music, Food 50/50

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

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

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

Statement from Governor Cuomo on National EMS Day

"This COVID crisis has seen our health care Emergency Medical Services providers perform heroically and often around the clock to ensure that New Yorkers receive swift and compassionate care. On this National EMS Day and during National EMS Week, we thank our frontline responders for their unwavering service during the pandemic and for their steadfast commitment to serving our communities and ultimately saving New Yorkers' lives."

Governor Cuomo Announces New Guidance for Health and Safety Measures at Child Care, Day Camp and Overnight Camp Programs as NY Proceeds with Strategic Reopening

Measures Address Testing, Physical Distancing and Sanitation Requirements to Help Prevent COVID Cases • State Health Department to Continue Monitoring and Evaluating Facilities and Camp Programs and Revise Guidance as Needed

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced updated guidance for health and safety measures at child care, day camp, and overnight camp programs, effective May 19. The measures include protocols for COVID testing, physical distancing and sanitation, among other requirements to help prevent COVID-19 cases. The Department of Health will continue to monitor and evaluate health metrics for child care facilities and camp programs and, if necessary, will issue further guidance.

"We are continuing to make incredible progress against COVID and lifting restrictions based on the science and numbers, but we are not yet at the finished line," Governor Cuomo said. "To help ensure maximum protections for staff and children at child care and camp programs, we are issuing this guidance so the facilities can implement basic but critical measures that will allow them to operate safely."

Facilities and programs must collect COVID-19 vaccination status and documentation for all staff and children, and implement mandatory daily health screening practices of their staff and visitors including daily temperature checks. Facilities and programs need to notify the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 test result by a staff member or child at their site.

Each site must implement a property-specific capacity limitation for children and campers that ensures appropriate social distancing. Staff who are not fully vaccinated must maintain a distance of at least six feet from other unvaccinated staff.

Children and campers over the age of two and staff who are not fully vaccinated must wear face coverings except

when eating, drinking, showering, swimming, or sleeping/resting. Since face coverings have been proven to be effective when distancing is not feasible, facilities and programs must provide and require the use of face coverings for individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

Additional hygiene and cleaning and disinfection requirements as advised by the CDC and Department of Health must also be followed.

Full guidance for facilities and programs is available at: https://forward.ny.gov/education-child-care-camps-industry-guidance#_blank

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces the County will Save \$4 Million Dollars over the Next Nine Years from Refunding Bonds

The savings are due to strong financial management and will result in \$400,000 in savings this year alone. In November, despite the pandemic, S&P reaffirmed the county's strong fiscal responsibility and ability to respond to the economic impacts of COVID-19 crisis

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that due to strong financial management, Ulster County will be able to save \$4 million dollars over the next nine years from refunding existing bonds and refinancing them at more favorable terms due to record low-interest rates. This year, Ulster County is expected to save \$400,000 with additional savings being realized over the next decade.

In S&P's most recent financial review of Ulster County from November, they cited "strong management, with good financial policies and practice." Despite strong economic headwinds due to COVID-19, the credit rating and funds saved through refunded bonds reaffirmed the county's ability to respond to the pandemic and economic pressures while continuing to provide superior services for residents.

"As we continue to emerge from the devastating impacts of COVID-19, I am proud that our strong financial footing has allowed us to continue to deliver on essential services while saving taxpayer dollars," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "The refunding of these bonds will save taxpayers millions at an essential moment as we continue to reinvigorate our economy and invest to meet the growing needs of our residents."

Ulster County's continued strength in the eyes of bond rating agencies is a direct benefit to taxpayers in the form of lower borrowing costs. As interest rates continue to climb, a strong bond rating corresponds with lower borrowing costs that will allow the County to continue to invest in long-term projects that serve constituents that require bond financing.

Statement from Governor Cuomo on NY Reaching Major Milestone in the Fight Against COVID: Capacity Restrictions Being Lifted and CDC Guidance on Masks and Social Distancing

"Today is a milestone in New York State's war against COVID. With positivity and hospitalization rates at their lowest levels since last fall, and more than 10 million New Yorkers having received at least one vaccine dose, today New York State is adopting the CDC's updated guidance on masks and social distancing.

"This means that, 399 days after New York was the first state in the country to implement a mask mandate, effective today, fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to use a face covering in most public places. New York is coming back, and it's a testament to the strength and grit of New Yorkers who banded together, stayed tough, and fought as one to defeat this COVID beast.

"The steps we're taking today don't mean that COVID has been officially relegated to the history books. We need to stay vigilant, continue to follow the safety guidelines in place, and help every single eligible New Yorker get vaccinated, so that we can finally reach that light at the end of the tunnel. And as we start to climb the next mountains in our path, we need to ensure that the values that got New York through this crisis -- community, discipline, strength, toughness, and love for each other -- endure."

For additional background, see the announcements on the easing of restrictions go to: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-governor-murphy-and-governor-lamont-announce-significant-easing-covid-19> and on the CDC guidance on masks and social distancing go to: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-york-state-adopt-new-cdc-guidance-mask-use-and-social-distancing>

Gillibrand, Shaheen Lead Bipartisan Letter to Secure Additional Payments for Dairy Farmers – Direct Aid Would Remedy Milk Pricing Change that Resulted in \$725 Million in Lost Income for Dairy Farmers

(From Pg. 28) Even before the pandemic dairy farmers across the nation were facing the challenges of volatile milk prices that have been dropping for decades, as well as increased competition from non-dairy "milk" products. This has led to a substantial loss of licensed dairy herds, with the United States losing almost 40,000 dairy herds since 2003.

Prior to the 2018 Farm Bill, Class I milk was calculated using the "higher of" Class III or Class IV price plus the applicable Class I differential. This was changed in the most recent Farm Bill to an averaging method of Class III and Class IV plus \$0.74. This change, compounded by government intervention in cheese markets as a result of the pandemic, has resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in lost income for dairy farmers from May 2019 through April 2021. This has led to increased calls from industry for USDA to hold Emergency Federal Milk Marketing Order National Hearings to resolve this

issue with the Class I mover.

At the beginning of the 117th Congress, Gillibrand was named as the Chair of the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security. In this capacity, Gillibrand is committed to find ways to guarantee dairy farmers receive a fair price for their milk moving forward, and to recoup losses caused by the new Class I pricing formula. New York is home to one of the most diverse agricultural industries in the country and is largely composed of small and medium-sized family operations. Milk is New York's number one agricultural product.

Co-signers onto the bipartisan letter include U.S. Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Susan Collins (R-ME), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Richard Blumenthal (D-RI), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Ed Markey (D-MA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Angus King (I-ME), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Dick Durbin (D-IL).



Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.

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

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

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Saturday, May 29th, 2021
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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
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UC Exec Pat Ryan Announces Ulster County will Host an Outdoor Summer Event Series at Enterprise West

Ulster County is collaborating with the newly-established arts organization, BLUEprint and is planning to bring outdoor concerts and an outdoor movie series to residents. BLUEprint is a collective of local artists, musicians, and designers who have previously established successful festivals in the Hudson Valley, including the O+ Festival.

ULSTER, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County will host an outdoor summer event series on the grounds of Enterprise West, the former IBM campus, thanks to a collaboration with the newly-established arts organization, BLUEprint. The group is a collective of local artists, musicians, and designers who have run concert venues, operated design studios, built art and music studios, and have previously established successful festivals in the Hudson Valley, including the O+ Festival. BLUEprint co-directors are Kingston residents Molly Sterrs, Kyle McDonough, Joe Condra, Micah Blumenthal, Jared Ashdown and Eliza Edge. BLUEprint is excited to partner with the founders and crew from BSP and Output agency.

"Ulster County has a diverse pool of talented artists and musicians, and I am so excited that they are bringing their creativity to bear to help lead the rebirth and renewal of the former IBM site," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "The arts aren't a luxury; they are for everyone. I'm thrilled to see the grounds of Enterprise West come alive this summer with community-driven programming that will benefit all of our residents."

The BLUEprint summer series will be located on the former IBM parking lot and fields at 101 Enterprise Drive in the town of Ulster, and specific programming details will be announced at an upcoming date. Planned events include outdoor concerts, as well as an outdoor movie series. Interested community organizations can apply to host an event by visiting blueprintny.com and filling out an application form. Last summer, the current BLUEprint location hosted thousands of Ulster County residents for free summer movies, and also welcomed hundreds to the Phoenicia Festival of the Voice, which will return this year for an expanded series August 27 - 29th 2021.

"BLUEprint's adaptive reuse of the former IBM for community benefit is a significant step forward in transforming the West Campus," said Town of Ulster Supervisor James Quigley. "I look forward to this positive utilization."

"BLUEprint is about mapping the future without knowing the result - it is a living map," said BLUEprint team member Saidee Sonnenberg. "BLUEprint seeks to be a destination that champions the creativity of makers and artists who are the backbone of Ulster County. We are an inclusive, people-first organization that respects the diverse landscape of our community and welcomes all event proposals for the Enterprise West campus."

"As we continue to bring this property back to a useful, productive space, it is important to showcase often overlooked aspects of what it has to offer", said Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill. "Using the outdoor space to reunite our community after the enormous difficulties of the pandemic is a map to a new future for this campus."

"I am excited to see Enterprise West being used and especially excited to see music events," said Chair of TownOfUlsterCitizens.org Laura Hartmann. "As an artist manager for more than 30 years, it is very gratifying to see Ulster County support the arts in this way. And seeing this long-vacant property getting a new lease on life is inspiring."

Enterprise West is comprised of two parcels on over 80 acres

of land and a 400,000 square foot office building that was last used in 2015 as a tax processing center by Bank of America. The property ownership was recently transferred to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, a move proposed by the County Executive and approved unanimously by the Ulster County Legislature.

In March 2021, Ulster County announced that more than 20 proposals were received for the redevelopment of all or part of Enterprise West, including five to purchase some or all of the site, 11 to rent or lease some or all of the site, and 12 to provide services to assist the county in redeveloping the site. Proposals ranged from a satellite college campus, arts and maker space, and agricultural manufacturing facilities.

An Enterprise West Advisory Committee, which includes Sarah Haley, Tim Weidemann, Brian Cahill, Zac Kleinhandler, Jim Quigley, Laura Hartman, and Yvonne Wynkoop, is currently evaluating the proposals for the campus.

Upcoming Events in Ulster County

May 22-29: Kingston Farmers' Market Grand Opening: Every Saturday through November 20. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Outdoor market: County Courthouse parking lot entrance on John Street, Kingston. kingstonfarmersmarket.org

May 28-31: Spring Stroll: Explore the rich heritage of Kingston, from dozens of historic sites and museums to bustling shops and restaurants in all three of the city's business districts. 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by Kingston Uptown Business Association (KUBA). kuba.network/springstroll

May 29-31: Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair-40th Anniversary Year: Voted #2 contemporary craft fair nationwide by Sunshine Artist Magazine, this open-air market offers features works by juried artists and craftspeople, small-batch foods and apothecary products, and the Hudson Valley's best wines, craft beer and spirits. Ongoing demonstrations, live music, fresh food and children's activities make this a handcrafted fest for the whole family. The fair will follow NYSDOH current mandates to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all visitors and exhibitors. This year, the Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair is across from Ulster County Fairgrounds at Field of Dreams Park, New Paltz Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For tickets, discounts and information: quailhollow.com

May 30: Catskill Mountain Railroad Ice Cream Sundays: Enjoy a delicious ice cream treat as you see the natural beauty and fresh air of the Catskills from our railroad's scenic train. We are only using our open air flat cars. Passenger count is limited to 60 people per train. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Book reservations online. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

WEDNESDAYS:

Woodstock Farm Festival 3-7 p.m. (opens May 29) Just across Rock City Road, by Mountain View Studio, the Woodstock Artist's Cemetery, and along Mountainview Avenue. woodstockfarmfestival.com

SATURDAYS:

Kingston Farmers Market 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. County Courthouse parking lot, Kingston info@kingstonfarmersmarket.org kingstonfarmersmarket.org

Saugerties Farmers Market 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (opens May 22) 115 Main St., Saugerties 917-453-2082 saugertiesfarmersmarket.com

SUNDAYS: D&H Canal Sunday Market 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Grady Park, Route 213, High Falls 845-810-0471 Facebook: High Falls Flea Market

WEEKENDS: Mower's Flea Market 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (opens May 22) 11 Maple Lane, Woodstock 845-679-6744 mowers-saturday-sunday-flea-market.business.site/

**Blue Mountains Trout Newsletter of the
Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed
Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559
P.O. Box 119, Phoenicia, NY 12464
May 2021**



Banner above depicts a mid-May Esopus watershed tributary. May Zoom meeting: On May 26th at 7 PM the chapter will host a virtual monthly Zoom meeting. Our guest speaker this month is Linda Zimmerman, who has a presentation on Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley. There are mysteries in the woods of the Hudson Valley of New York and northern New Jersey. Linda explores stone chambers, perched boulders, standing stones, and massive walls that may just be unique historical treasures that should be studied and preserved. Some stone sites are assumed to be the work of colonial farmers, but author and researcher Linda Zimmerman has found compelling evidence that disputes this misconception. Could the astronomical alignments at these sites provide answers? Could they be the work of Native Americans or Pre-Columbian voyagers? Plan on attending the virtual meeting to find out.

A separate email on this meeting, and how to join, will be sent out prior to the event, but for now mark your calendars. During June we hope to have a chapter outing on the Esopus Creek, most likely on June 23rd. Details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Esopus Creek: As reported in last month's newsletter, NYS DEC R3 Biologist Bob Adams is collecting 2021 angling Esopus Creek only (no tributaries) data via an online survey. Data includes angler results, satisfaction, and access; it's easy to fill out, and should be utilized after each Esopus Creek trip, whether you caught fish or not. The survey can be accessed via phone, tablet, or pc at the following address: <https://arcg.is/15X1GL>

Thanks for participating. In recent years chapter members and anglers have expressed their opinions of the Esopus Creek trout fishery, now DEC is reaching out to anglers asking for their input. Please help.

Based upon current stream flows and weather predictions, it is anticipated the Shandaken Tunnel will remain closed through June 14th so that rehabilitation work on the tunnel can continue. Regarding the Shandaken Tunnel, it is anticipated Esopus Creek recreational water release may begin again in 2021. Typically four such events are requested, the initial release usually being held the first June weekend. We have asked NYS DEC for the dates of these events, but have not received a respond yet. When we have the dates requested, the newsletter will include them. Typically they can be found here, but this is outdated: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/80682.html>

Construction of the replacement bridge for Five Arches might begin in 2022 and it is anticipated the new bridge will include a shared-use path and access to the Ashokan Rail Trail.

On April 24th, in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation and Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, members of the Catskill Mountains Chapter planted some 300 trees along the Bush Kill Creek in West Shokan, just upstream of the Olive town office building. Victoria Lawrence, Russell Martin, and myself— all board members of this chapter – lent a helping hand.

Blue Hole/Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor day use permits required: NYS DEC has announced starting in 2021 a daily “day use permit” will be required between May 15th and

September 15th in the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor. These will cost \$10/day and must be displayed in the user's vehicle. Last year limited permits were free and only required on weekends, thus please note more restrictive regulations this year. The hope is the new requirements will reduce ongoing abuses inflicted upon the region the last several years. And please note, permits are required to fish, picnic, camp, hike, wet-wade the upper Rondout Creek. FYI:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/109922.html#:~:text=Permits%20are%202410%2C%20and%20must,walk%2Din%20registrations%20are%20available>.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported in April there were 7 measurable storms as recorded in Boiceville. These had a 5.5 weighted pH with 3.35 inches of equivalent liquid precipitation, including a trace amount of snow. By comparison in April 2020 there were 9 such events with a total of 7.05 inches of liquid precipitation, including 2.7 inches of snow and 5.9 weighted pH.

Along these lines, NYS Climate Action Council announces a milestone to advance NY's nation-leading climate law, FYI: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122962.html>

Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study: Due Covid, a shortage of supplies, and lab access, results from our 2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study have been delayed, but hopefully we will hear later this year. The chapter is also considering the possibility of undertaking another study in 2021 on yet to be determined Esopus Creek watershed tributary.

NYS Trout Stream Sportfishing Regulations: As of April 1st, new Trout Stream Sportfishing Regulations went into effect. Information on these found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122602.html> Plus anglers can download, or request a paper copy of the new regs at the bottom of the forementioned link.

Along these lines, DEC is developing a plan to evaluate the new catch and release season from Oct. 16th through March 31st of the following year. This will rollout over several years and include various NYS watersheds. In Region 3 it will potentially include portions of the Esopus Creek and two tributaries. Bob Adams, NYS DEC R3 Fisheries Biologist, mentioned this briefly when he addressed our chapter back in January. As plan details are finalized, we will pass these along to our members. **Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP):** Recently several chapter members participated in the Stream Access & Recreation Working Group virtual meeting. On June 4th AWSMP is hosting a Praxis Conference. FYI: <https://ashokanstreams.org/joinawsmp-for-praxis-conference-on-june-4/>

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports as of the end of April the chapter had \$12,807.56, with \$12,019.88 in the General Operating Fund and \$787.68 in the Conservation Fund. During the month we received donations from former Town of Olive Supervisor Sylvia Rozzelle and Frank Skidmore, Jr. Thank you one and all.

Membership: As of this newsletter, our membership stands at 126 members. This month we welcome Lucas Merwin of Flischmanns and Dave Smith of Mount Tremper. Welcome! As always new TU members can join for half the “regular” membership fee, or \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National.

Membership forms: http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com

Newsletter: This issue was sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses.

Beyond our watersheds and other news: Orvis icon Leigh Perkins passed away on May 7th at the age of 93. (Contd. Pg. 37)

Blue Mountains Trout Newsletter of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559

(From Pg. 36)

FYI: [https://www.tu.org/magazine/orvis-icon-leigh-perkins-dies-at-93/Mountain River](https://www.tu.org/magazine/orvis-icon-leigh-perkins-dies-at-93/Mountain%20River), the Willow Mixed Media documentary of the Esopus Creek from headwaters to the Hudson, has been accepted by the virtual edition of the 2021 Catskill International Film Festival! Will be screened at www.catskill-filmfest.com on

May 21st-23rd for free viewing. Congratulations to Tobe Carey and Mark Loete on a job well done. Kevan Best pay attention. The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild hosted a virtual Zoom meeting on Friday, May 21st at 7 PM. I did a PowerPoint presentation, titled Beyond the dry fly. It was originally requested by the late Dave Brandt for flyfishers like you; there's more to Catskill fly patterns than just dry flies. It will touch upon Catskill bucktails, streamers, wet flies, and nymphs.

Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: <https://apwctu.org/>

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>

CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.dcswcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases:

https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Until next time,

Ed Ostapczuk

May 18th, 2021

DEC Announces Start of 2021 Camping Season Improvements to Showers and Comfort Stations Statewide and Equestrian Facilities at Frontier Town Campground Campground Visitors Encouraged to Make Reservations

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that DEC's 56 campgrounds and Day Use areas will be open to the public on May 21. Reservations for the 2021 camping season are at an all-time high as more New Yorkers and visitors from out of state prepare to head outdoors to take advantage of recreational opportunities in the Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves. In addition and in preparation for the upcoming camping season, DEC announced improvements at campgrounds across the state to help improve the visitor experience. While two DEC campgrounds opened earlier this spring-Wilmington Notch in Essex County on May 7, and Fish Creek in Franklin County on

April 2-most DEC campgrounds open on May 21, the weekend prior to the Memorial Day Holiday.

"DEC is thrilled to see the uptick in reservations for this coming camping season as New Yorkers and visitors start exploring our campgrounds, and we're proud to announce improvements at Frontier Town and several other campgrounds, undertaken in response to visitor feedback," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage all visitors planning a trip to DEC's campgrounds this summer to make reservations soon to prevent being turned away if facilities meet capacity."

To make reservations, visit the ReserveAmerica website and consider additional or alternative locations for recreation. For help choosing a location to visit, see DEC's interactive guide.

DEC has completed improvements at several DEC camping facilities for the 2021 season, including new showers and comfort stations, power and water systems, and equestrian-specific improvements at the Frontier Town campground.

At the Frontier Town Campground, Equestrian and Day Use Area, town of North Hudson, Essex County, on the site of the former Frontier Town theme park in the town of North Hudson, DEC continues to advance modifications to the equestrian camping area in response to feedback received since the facility opened in 2019. The following improvements will provide an enhanced experience for equestrian campers:

Sites have been widened to provide more room for horse trailers;

10x10 planting pits added between sites to provide for young shade trees and other vegetation, along with hitching posts and fencing;

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

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

The total cost of these improvements was \$260,000, which includes repairs to the day-use area following a storm event on Halloween in 2019.

At the Cranberry Lake Campground and Day-Use Area, Cranberry Lake, St. Lawrence County, DEC rebuilt the water distribution system at a cost of \$600,000.

DEC rebuilt the main shower building at the Eagle Point Campground, Pottersville, Warren County, at a cost of \$100,000.

At the Narrow Island Campground, Lake George, Warren County, DEC completed the redevelopment and construction of a new electrical power system, including solar and back-up generator capacity, at a cost of \$50,000.

DEC improved several comfort stations at the Meadowbrook Campground, Ray Brook, Essex County, at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

DEC rebuilt the ticket/registration booth at a cost of approximately \$20,000 at the Little Sand Point Campground, Piseco, Hamilton County.

At the North South Lake Campground, Haines Falls, DEC rehabilitated a comfort station at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

Under Governor Cuomo's Adventure NY initiative, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active outdoor recreation, connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors, protect natural resources, and boost local economies. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/64852.html>

For more information on planning an outdoor adventure in New York State, visit DEC's website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/62.html>

Saturday, May 29th



GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

350 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

HUGE YARD SALE

If you have more questions, please contact 845-985-2283.



- Our Mission -

To become one with God as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, share our faith with others, and serve God's church, community and world.

Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Saturday, May 29, 2021
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!

Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner

June 12, 2021

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots, Salad,
Bread and Homemade Cake

Take Outs Only...

DINNERS: \$14.00

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
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Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Road Claryville NY 12725

**All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, June 20

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

*******REMINDER Masks are required and limited seat capacity!**

*****All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver form and have their temperature taken*****

Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

Time and the Valleys Museum Opening with New Exhibit!

The Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. The Museum will also be opening a new exhibit: One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room, on the one room schools of the Tri-Valley area. Special for Memorial Day Weekend ONLY (Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th) all visitors will receive a free postcard!



Exhibitions:

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- 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.

o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room is a new temporary exhibition on one room school in the Tri-Valley area. Includes a full size replica of a one room school!

The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks, using hand sanitizer frequently and cleaning touched surfaces throughout the day.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.

As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.



Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Releases Plan for Commonsense Healthcare Reforms

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released a four-point plan to reform the American healthcare system and drive down the overall cost of medical care for families and seniors. The plan works to expand access to care in rural communities, support seniors and other vulnerable populations, drive down the rising costs of prescription medications, and invest in research to advance treatments for diseases.

"Health insurance premiums, prescription drug prices, out-of-pocket costs for Americans, and overall healthcare spending have skyrocketed since 2009, making it harder than ever for New York families and seniors to access quality care at an affordable price - this has to change. For too long, Congress has failed to make good on its promise to effectively tackle healthcare reform. The plan I'm unveiling today is one step in the right direction that will bring positive change to our healthcare system."

To view Tenney's full plan go to: .

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Healthcare%20Plan%202021.pdf>

Expanding Access to Care in Rural Communities

o Introduced H.R. 3069, Access for Rural Communities Act: I introduced this bipartisan bill to allow Sole Community and Medicare Dependent hospitals in New York to receive a fair Medicare Volume Decrease Adjustment (VDA) to maintain core staff and services when experiencing a significant decrease in patient volume due to circumstances beyond their control. It also allows 16 small, rural hospitals in New York to avoid nearly \$20 million in erroneous repayments with a punitive interest rate of over 9 percent as a result of arbitrary changes in Washington.

o Cosponsored H.R. 489, Protecting Rural Access to Care Act: This legislation will protect rural hospitals from losing their certifications as Critical Access Hospitals under Medicare. Guidance issued in 2015 by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services put rural hospitals at a very serious risk of losing this certification, which would result in them losing significant benefits. This bill protects our rural hospitals and their funding.

Supporting Seniors and Other Vulnerable Populations

o Introduced the Essential Caregivers Act: I introduced this legislation to avoid the deadly effects of isolation for seniors in nursing homes and individuals with disabilities in long-term care facilities. Should there be a future public health emergency, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities would have the opportunity to designate an "essential caregiver" to continue caring for them throughout the emergency, so long as they follow the same strict safety requirements as staff. This will ensure that vulnerable individuals never again suffer alone in the event of a future emergency.

o Cosponsored H.R. 2168, the Expanded Telehealth Access Act: This bill expands coverage for telehealth visits under Medicare, so that seniors never miss critical appointments. This is especially relevant as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. While telehealth may not be appropriate in every circumstance, expanding access offers greater options to seniors who may find it difficult or unsafe to travel.

Driving Down Costs and Increasing Access

o Support Strong Funding for Community Health Centers: I am honored to be part of a bipartisan effort in Congress to expand funding for Community Health Centers. Community Health Centers provide quality and affordable care to those most in need across New York's 22nd Congressional District.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Health Centers confronted the challenges head on and continued to deliver much-needed care. With robust funding into the future, Community Health Centers will continue to be vitally important resources for communities across New York.

o Cosponsored H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act: This comprehensive bill lowers the cost of life-saving drugs like insulin by capping drug spending under Medicare Part D and also reducing the out-of-pocket costs of insulin for families. The bill also makes it harder for drug companies to prevent safe generics and biosimilars from coming to the market, ensuring that more affordable prescription drugs are made available to consumers. Finally, the bill increases pricing transparency by requiring drug companies to publicly list prices in any future advertisements.

o Voted "Yes" on H.R. 1629, the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act: This bill would institute limitations on market exclusivity for drugs designated as "orphan drugs" under Section 526(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This bipartisan bill closes a loophole that could be used to block pharmaceutical competition and prevent innovative treatments for rare conditions affecting fewer than 200,000 people from coming to market. I support bills like this that eliminate barriers for innovative medical-assisted treatments, boost competition, and drive down the cost of new medicine.

Investing in Research

o Accelerating Treatments for Rare Diseases: I cosponsored H.R. 1730, the Speeding Therapy Access Today Act and H.R. 1184, the Helping Experts Accelerate Rare Treatments Act to improve treatments for rare diseases and ensure equal access to care. These bills direct the Food and Drug Administration to accelerate the development of treatments for rare diseases, which will save lives and make therapeutics more affordable.

o Support Autism Spectrum Disorder Research: As a Member of the Congressional Autism Caucus, I support continued funding for Autism research, which will have a direct impact on the lives of those living with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

You may contact Congresswoman Claudia Tenney at:

Washington, DC - 202-225-3665, 1410 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
Utica, NY - 315-732-0713, 430 Court Street-Suite 102, Utica, NY 13502

Binghamton, NY- 601-242-0200, 49 Court Street-Suite 210, Binghamton, NY 13901

Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan on NYS Adopting CDC Recommendations on Mask Guidelines

County Executive Pat Ryan joined five other County Executive's in urging Governor Andrew Cuomo to adopt the CDC's guidance and allow fully vaccinated residents to return to normalcy and discard masks and the need for social distancing outdoors and in most indoor settings.

"I applaud and support the decision by New York State to end mask mandates and adopt the CDC guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. This is a critical step forward in our efforts to responsibly reopen our communities, our schools, and our businesses; and to bring back a sense of normalcy. At the same time, this guidance must serve as a reminder that it is essential that all residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This positive progress in reopening is because of the work of the over 100,000 residents in our community who have done their part to get vaccinated. I encourage all those who have yet to do so to get vaccinated as soon as possible."



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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE!
Memorial Day Weekend

Sundown Camp and Bait Shop!

We still have quite a bit of fishing, hunting and camping supplies. We also have a large chest freezer, glass cabinets and some peg boards for sale. If you are interested in taking a look at what we have, please call Jim at 845-985-7560.

Thank you all for your many years of support for Sundown Camp and Bait!!

Please note: We will continue to have firewood for sale

MOVING SALE Odds & Ends Crocks • Antiques
• Furniture – **Memorial Day Weekend May 29, 30 & 31, 2021**- Opens 10 am. From Rt 55a follow the signs on Yeagerville Road to Eve Eden Rd

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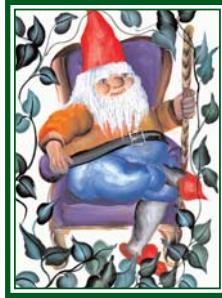
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Join our neighbors and friends for the 4th Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale! this weekend.

See map and locations on page of this issue!

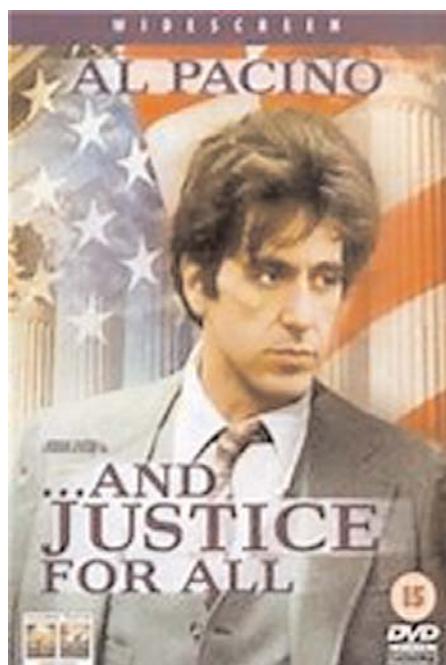
Have a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend, and don't forget why we celebrate Memorial Day!



KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES
ON TCM, STARTING
THURSDAY MAY 27, 2021
@ 1:00 AM

And Justice For All

YES, TODAY IS ANOTHER TIME THAT 'TRIES MEN'S SOULS', THEREFORE, WE NEED THE MESSAGE DELIVERED BY THAT GREAT ACTOR AL PACINO IN THIS WONDERFUL TCM FAMILY CLASSIC FILM, (2h 1979 Courtroom/Drama Rated TV-MA)



A defense lawyer with an immovable sense of integrity is confronted with defending a powerful judge whom he suspects is not so cool in the integrity department?

Directed by Norman Jewison, and starring Al Pacino, Jack Warden, Lee Strasberg, Former instructor at the Strasberg School of acting in the west village.

This film inspired the; *...And Justice for All* album and is the fourth studio album by the American heavy metal band METALLICA. It

was released on September 7, 1988 by Elektra Records. It was the first album following the death of bassist Cliff Burton in 1986, and the first to feature new bassist Jason Newsted.

METALLICA, recorded the album with producer Flemming Rasmussen over four months in early 1988 at One-on-One Recording Studios in Los Angeles. It features aggressive complexity, fast tempos, and few verse-chorus structures. It contains lyrical themes of political and legal injustices, such as governmental corruption, censorship, and war. The cover, designed by Stephen Gorman based on a concept by Metallica guitarist James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich, depicts Lady Justice bound in ropes. *The album title is derived from the American Pledge of Allegiance. Three of its songs were released as singles: "Harvester of Sorrow", "Eye of the Beholder", and "One"; the title track was released as a promotional single.*

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S

This Memorial Day we will be honoring the greatest generations the world has ever seen. Nothing in the history of war surpasses the compassion of our American WWI and WWII heroes.

SERGEANT YORK

(1941 / 2h 14m / War / TV-G)

TRUE STORY OF ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST HEROES "ALVIN YORK"

A young Tennessee mountain farm boy of the two forks area in Daniel Boone country, York violates all the norms of the social justice of the religious right. Having had enough of drinking, fighting, whoring around, and then finding, and falling in love with a



beautiful woman (Joan Leslie), he starts reading the Bible, and gets religion. He is converted to a "God Loving Pacifist," then goes on to become one of World War I's greatest heroes – "that only kills to save lives". Directed by Howard Hawks, William R. Lasky. Starring; Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, and Joan Leslie.

WWI "IN THE AIR"**LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE**
(TV-PG-1958 1hr33min · Romance/War)

Lafayette Escadrille, also known as *C'est la Guerre*, *Hell Bent for Glory* (UK) and *With You in My Arms*, is a 1958 American war film produced by Warner Bros. It stars Tab Hunter and Etchika Choureau and features David Janssen and Will Hutchins, as well as Clint Eastwood, in an early supporting role. It was the final film in the career of director William A. Wellman and is based on his original story.



THE REAL FLYERS OF THE LAFFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

**MEMORIAL DAY
@ 4:30 am on TCM
"HELL TO ETERNITY"**

(1960 2h 12m | War | TV-PG)



A twelve year old Mexican Hispanic young boy is adopted by Japanese-Americans. He learns the Japanese language and years later he becomes a hero in World War II. On the island of Saipan, he singlehandedly captured 1400 Japanese Marines. This is Gary Guy Gabaldon another American hero putting life before his own personal safety winning the Congressional medal of Honor. it is said that he saved the lives of two thousand marines. *Directed by Phil Karlson, Clark Paylow. Starring; Jeffrey Hunter, David Janssen, and Vic Damone.*

**ON AMAZON PRIME
TO HELL AND BACK**
(TV-PG / 1Hr 46MIN / BIOGRAPHY / ROMANCE)**AUDIE MURPHY**

The true WWII story of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in U.S. history. Based on the autobiography of Audie Murphy who stars as himself in the film.



To Hell and Back is Audie Murphy's 1949 World War II memoir, detailing the events that led him to receive the Medal of Honor and also to become one of the most decorated foot-soldiers of the war. Although only Murphy's name appears on the book cover, it was in fact a collaboration with writer David "Spec" McClure. After securing a publishing contract in 1947, Murphy and McClure worked on the book through 1948 in Murphy's Hollywood apartment. Murphy did write some of the prose.

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S
KOREAN WAR ON AMAZON PRIME, IMOBT,
THE STEEL HELMET
(1951 / 1hr 25min / Action / Korea / War)**



The Steel Helmet is a 1951 American war film directed, written, and produced by Samuel Fuller during the Korean War. The cast stars Gene Evans, Robert Hutton, Steve Brodie, James Edwards, and Richard Loo. It was the first American film about the war, and the first of several war films by Fuller.

THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE



The Manchurian Candidate is a 1962 American neo-noir, psychological political thriller about the Cold War and sleeper agents. The film was directed and produced by John Frankenheimer. Screenplay by George Axelrod and based on the 1959 Richard Condon novel *The Manchurian Candidate*. The film's leading actors are Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, and Angela Lansbury, co-starring Janet Leigh, Henry Silva, and James Gregory.

The plot centers on Korean War veteran Raymond Shaw. Shaw who was brainwashed by communists after his Army platoon was captured. He returns to civilian life in the United States, where he becomes an unwitting assassin in an international communist conspiracy to subvert and overthrow the U.S. Government.

The film was released in the United States on October 24, 1962, at the height of U.S.-Soviet hostility during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**VIETNAM
WE WERE SOLDIERS**
(R / 2002 / 2hr 18min / Action / History)



A 2002 American war film written and directed by Randall Wallace and starring Mel Gibson. Based on the book *We Were Soldiers Once... and Young* (1992) by Lieutenant General (Ret.), Hal Moore and reporter Joseph L. Galloway, it dramatizes the Battle of Ia Drang on November 14, 1965.

AMERICAN SNIPER

2014, R | 2h 13min | Action, Biography, Drama



This Clint Eastwood drama, was played smart by slowly releasing the film into just a few theaters to build publicity by word of mouth, before the film was open wide. This slow burn release was accompanied by an incredibly strong marketing campaign that showed intense scenes from the film where sniper Chris Kyle is forced to decide whether to shoot a woman who may or may not be carrying a weapon. And then, of course, there was the resulting controversy after the film opened - as some were outraged by Kyle's purported real-life indifference to taking lives in Iraq. The film became a sort of litmus test for left vs. right, and in doing so, received huge amounts of free publicity, becoming "the talked about" movie of the moment. All of this helped propel *American Sniper* to be both the highest grossing R-rated movie of all time and the highest grossing war film of all time.

Wishing you a Happy Memorial Day Weekend. Don't forget the Annual Memorial Day Flag raising ceremony on Monday at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery (see pg. 1) and all the Yard Sales and the Bake Sale this weekend.

Stay safe and stay well

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